

HOLY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

March is Women's History Month; a time to celebrate the beloved holy women from Scripture who help to inspire & reinforce the faith of us all.



EVE: THE FIRST WOMAN IN THE CREATION STORY.
GENESIS 3:20, 4:1, 2 CORINTHIANS 11:3 & 1 TIMOTHY 2:13



SARAH: THE WIFE OF ABRAHAM AND MOTHER OF ISAAC, IS CONSIDERED A MATRIARCH OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL.
GENESIS 11:29;18;21;23:1-2



JOCHEBED: THE MOTHER OF MOSES, WHO SHOWED GREAT FAITH BY HIDING HIM TO SAVE HIS LIFE. EXODUS 2:1-10 & 6:20; NUMBERS 26:59



MIRIAM: A PROPHETESS AND OLDER SISTER TO MOSES & AARON WHO HELPED LEAD THE ISRAELITES OUT OF EGYPT.
EXODUS 15:20



ABIGAIL: RENOWNED FOR HER WISDOM, SHE LATER BECAME ONE OF KING DAVID'S WIVES. 1 SAMUEL 25



HANNAH: THE MOTHER OF THE PROPHET SAMUEL, KNOWN FOR HER DEEP FAITH AND PRAYER. 1 SAMUEL 1:1-2:18



RACHEL: BELOVED SECOND WIFE OF THE PATRIARCH JACOB, (WHO LABORED 14-YEARS TO MARRY HER) STRUGGLED WITH INFERTILITY, AND DIED IN CHILDBIRTH. GENESIS 29:18



ESTHER: A JEWISH QUEEN OF PERSIA WHO RISKED HER LIFE TO SAVE HER PEOPLE FROM GENOCIDE. ESTHER



RAHAB: A WOMAN OF JERICHO WHO PROTECTED ISRAELITE SPIES AND IS RECOGNIZED FOR HER BRAVERY & FAITH. JOSHUA 2:1 - 21 & 6:22-27



RUTH: A MOABITE WOMAN KNOWN FOR HER LOYALTY TO HER MOTHER-IN-LAW, NAOMI, AND FOR BECOMING AN ANCESTOR OF KING DAVID. RUTH 1:1-3:18



DEBORAH: THE ONLY FEMALE JUDGE MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE, SHE WAS A PROPHETESS WHO LED ISRAEL TO MILITARY VICTORY. JUDGES 4:1-5:31



MARY, THE MOTHER OF JAMES & JOSES: (ALSO CALLED "THE OTHER MARY") SHE WAS PRESENT AT THE CROSS ALONG WITH MARY MAGDALENE, MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS AND MARY, WIFE OF CLOPAS.
MATT 27:56, 61; 28:1-10; MARK 15: 40-41,47; 16: 1-8; LUKE 24: 1-11, 22-24



MARY MAGDALENE: A OF JESUS WHO, AFTER BEING HEALED OF "SEVEN DEMONS," BECAME A DEVOTED DISCIPLE, SUPPORTED HIS MINISTRY, AND WITNESSED HIS CRUCIFIXION. SHE IS MOST NOTABLY RECOGNIZED AS THE FIRST WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION MATT 27:57, 61; MATT 28:1-10; MARK 15: 40-41,47; 16: 1-8, 9-11; LUKE 8:2-3; 24: 1-11, 22-24; JOHN 19:25; 20: 1-3, 11-18



PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW: AN UNNAMED WOMAN LIVING IN CAPERNAUM, LIKELY IN THE HOME OF PETER, SHE WAS HEALED BY JESUS FROM A SEVERE FEVER, A MIRACULOUS ACT, AND IMMEDIATELY ROSE AND MINISTERED TO HIM. MATT 8:14-15; MARK 1:30-31; LUKE 4:38-39



MARTHA (OF BETHANY) IS A FRIEND OF JESUS, DEVOTED FOLLOWER, AND SISTER TO MARY & LAZARUS; ACTIVE IN HER HOSPITALITY SHE WAS GENTLY CORRECTED BY JESUS FOR BEING DISTRACTED BY SERVING WHILE HER SISTER LISTENED TO HIM. LUKE 10: 37-42; JOHN 11: 1-6, 17-27, 34-45; 12:2



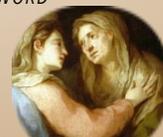
MARY OF BETHANY: THE SISTER OF LAZARUS ANOINTED JESUS' FEET WITH EXPENSIVE PERFUME AND WIPED THEM WITH HER HAIR. JOHN 12:1-8



ANNA: A PROPHETESS WHO RECOGNIZED THE INFANT JESUS AS THE MESSIAH DURING HIS PRESENTATION AT THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM. A DEVOUT, ELDERLY WIDOW OF THE TRIBE OF ASHER, SHE SPENT HER DAYS WORSHIPPING WITH FASTING AND PRAYER. LUKE 2: 36-38



SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL, WHOM JESUS REVEALED HIMSELF TO, SIGNIFIES HIS BREAKING OF SOCIAL, GENDER, & RELIGIOUS BARRIERS TO OFFER SALVATION TO ALL. BY OFFERING "LIVING WATER" TO A SHUNNED, SINFUL WOMAN, JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF AS THE MESSIAH, TRANSFORMING HER FROM AN OUTCAST INTO A MESSENGER OF THE GOSPEL. JOHN 4: 7-42



ELIZABETH, A RIGHTEOUS, ELDERLY, AND PREVIOUSLY BARREN WOMAN WHO BECOMES THE MOTHER OF JOHN THE BAPTIST. SHE IS THE WIFE OF THE PRIEST ZECHARIAH, A RELATIVE OF MARY (MOTHER OF JESUS), AND IS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, PROPHESYING THAT MARY IS CARRYING THE LORD. LUKE 1:5-80



CANDACE, QUEEN OF THE ETHIOPIANS RULED THE KUSHITE KINGDOM. HER TREASURER (AN EUNUCH) IS BAPTIZED BY PHILIP THE EVANGELIST, BRINGING CHRISTIANITY TO HER REALM. ACTS 8:27



THE WIDOW WHO GAVE TWO MITES: JESUS SAID, "TRULY I TELL YOU, THIS POOR WIDOW HAS PUT MORE INTO THE TREASURY THAN ALL THE OTHERS. THEY ALL GAVE OUT OF THEIR WEALTH; BUT SHE, OUT OF HER POVERTY, PUT IN EVERYTHING--ALL SHE HAD TO LIVE ON." MARK 12:41-44; LUKE 21:1-4



MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD, WHO CONCEIVED JESUS BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, TO WHICH SHE RESPONDED WITH OBEDIENT FAITH, ALLOWING THE WORD TO BECOME FLESH.

Other women heroes: Widow of Nain, Luke 7:11-17, Bernice, Acts 25:13-4,23, Susana, Luke 8:2-3, Sinner who washed the feet of Jesus with her hair, Luke 7:36-50, Mary, wife of Cleophas, John 19:25.