

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....” John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



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Mary: Strong In Obedience

John 19:25 is a poignant moment in the story of Jesus’ crucifixion. It highlights the deep sorrow and strength of Mary, the mother of Jesus, as she stood near the cross witnessing her son being crucified. The presence of other women, especially Mary Magdalene and Mary the wife of Clopas, signifies a community of support during a time of unimaginable suffering. This moment is significant for many reasons, including the love and sacrifice of Christ and the profound bond that exists between mothers and their children.

In standing by the cross, Mary exemplifies unwavering faith and commitment, even when faced with the tragedy of her child’s death. This act demonstrates the importance of support and loyalty during times of distress. It affirms the value of presence, suggesting that sometimes, just being there for someone can provide immense comfort. Furthermore, the reference to multiple Marys can indicate that many people suffer and are affected by loss and grief. Each character present has their unique relationship with Jesus and is eternally impacted by the events unfolding before them. This emphasizes the depth of human connection, love, and compassion in difficult moments.

As we reflect on John 19:25, we encounter a profound scene that encompasses love, sorrow, and the harsh reality of loss. Standing by the cross, Mary, alongside other significant women, bears witness to the ultimate sacrifice made by Jesus. The image of Mary, a mother watching her son suffer, pulls at our heartstrings. In life, many of us can relate to strong emotions surrounding our loved ones, especially in dire circumstances. This is a universal theme that resonates through generations, transcending cultural and historical boundaries.

Mary’s presence speaks volumes about the depths of a mother’s love and the courage required to face one of life’s most painful experiences. In that moment, she doesn’t waver. She holds on, not just for herself but for her Son and those around her. We can see parallels in our own lives when we stand by friends or family during their tribulations. It’s a beautiful reminder that our love and support have the potential to empower others during their darkest days.

Resource: Scripturesavvy.com

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Sandra Heim | Peru



PRAISE

- Praise God for continued ministry opportunities, including the missions trip to Lamas and growing involvement of young adults.
- Praise God for growth at New Life Baptist Church, with new individuals and families joining and a baptism service planned.
- Praise God for His provision in Life and Hope Ministries, including completed renovations, renewed licensing, and increased volunteers and services.

PRAY

- Pray for political stability in Peru, especially with upcoming elections and ongoing uncertainty in leadership.
- Pray for seminary students, that they would balance responsibilities well and have their financial needs met.
- Pray for safety, smooth processing of travel documents and paperwork for Sandra’s upcoming trip to the US.

KEY VERSE

John 19:25 (NKJV)

“Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.”

Read John 19:25-27 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: John 19:25; Luke 1:34-38; Hebrews 11:6

Obeying Jesus Begins With Faith

1. In John 19:25 we see Mary as well as some other *women* gathered at the foot of the cross. What does this say about their courage and their faith?
2. When Mary was visited by the angel in Luke 1:34-38 how did she respond to what he had to say? What *level of faith* did she display?

Tuesday: Luke 2:27-28, 34-35; III John 1:4

Obeying Jesus Includes Joy And Sorrow

3. What does Luke 2:27-28 reveal to us about being obedient to Jesus? Will being obedient *always* result in joy?
4. III John 1:4 makes the statement; *“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”* What is this verse calling us to as believers?

Wednesday: Luke 2:46-49; 51b; John 14:15, 21a

Obeying Jesus Communicates Love

5. What can Luke 2:51b teach us about the *balance* we must hold as parents regarding our authority over our children and God’s?
6. How do we best express our love for God to Him? What is the *clear* answer to this question given to us in John 14:15 and 21a?

Thursday: Mark 3:31-35; Ephesians 2:17-19

Obeying Jesus Requires Commitment

7. What is revealed to us in regard to Jesus’ commitment to His Father’s will in Mark 3:31-35? *Who* were the “priority” according to these verses?
8. According to the verse Mark 3:35 how are those “*who do the will of God*” *redefined* by Jesus in relation to Him?
9. What *great* truth do we learn from Ephesians 2:17-19 in regard to making doing the will of God our highest priority? What will we gain from it?

Friday: John 2:5; Matthew 16:24-25

Obeying Jesus Demands Surrender

10. John 2:5 paints a very clear picture of the surrender and obedience we are called to in the most simple terms? How have YOU responded?
11. While John 2:5 gives a very clear command for us to obey immediately, what kind of “attitude” should *always accompany* our obedience?
12. Matthew 16:24-25 are arguably two of the most important verses in regard to our walk! What is required of us to *fully follow* Jesus?