MARY: Session 5: PRESENTATION & FINDING IN TEMPLE

- 2 Fulfillment of Jewish Law
- 3 40 days after birth of firstborn male: Mother to be purified must pay *Temple Tax* and present son to
- 4 priests (Lk 2)

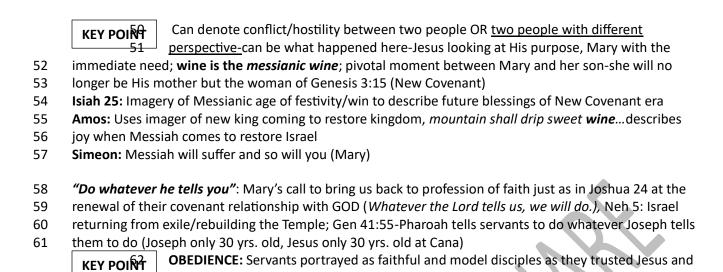
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- 5 **Simeon:** Righteous/devout man longing for *consolation* of Israel (Is 40-66 when God will
- 6 redeem/console His people who are in captivity); Holy Spirit gives him revelation when he sees baby
- 7 Jesus as long awaited Messiah, Now at last you can let your servant go in peace according to your word.
- 8 From my eyes, I've seen your salvation, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and **glory for your people**
- 9 Israel. (Glory of the LORD was visible manifestation of GOD's holy presence to His people in form of a
- 10 cloud over the Ark of the Covenant in the tabernacle at Mt Sinai) 1 Kings 8: King Solomon speaks of the
- 11 glory cloud coming and filling the Temple but left shortly before Babylon destroyed the Temple in 586 BC.
- 12 The glory cloud never returned but now Simeon sees the glory of the LORD return
 - KEY LEARNING POINT Jesus is the <u>Glory Cloud</u> returned by His mother, Mary, into the Temple that day; Simeon's prophesy considered 2nd Annunciation for Mary: this child is
- destined for rise/fall of many in Israel (describes Jesus' public ministry) and a sword will pierce Mary's
- soul. (1st Annunciation was from Gabriel). **SOUL:** The word soul only used twice for individual soul, Mary-
- 17 1) at visitation (My <u>soul</u> magnifies the LORD), 2) at presentation at Temple (And a sword will pierce your
- 18 own <u>soul</u> too" <u>Luke 2:34</u>)
- 19 Why many people followed Jesus: 1) His words, watching His great signs, to be healed of physical
- 20 suffering but were absent at the cross including apostles
- 21 APPLICATION: Key criteria for being follower of Christ: take up your cross and follow Him like Mary, all
- the way even to the suffering of the cross
- 23 Finding of Jesus in the Temple
- 24 Families often traveled together and they look after each other's children; not unusual for children to
- 25 roam around with others in family
- 26 Jesus: "Did you not know that I must be in my father's house?"
- 27 1) Temple of the Lord (my Father); doing His will, His authority
- 28 2) Honoring father and mother (but primary allegiance to His heavenly father)
- 29 He amazes the elders in the Temple with His wisdom
- 30 Why important: first time we know about Jesus' life since birth and not again until 30 yrs later when
- 31 began ministry-at birth and finding in the Temple, Mary has *foretaste* of what is to come
- 32 **APPLICATION:** Maintain *attitude* of Mary she did not understand *why* something happened, she only
- 33 trusted in the LORD

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MARY: Session 6: WEDDING AT CANA

- 36 Jesus now 30 yr. old man-Mary will play important role by launching Jesus' public ministry
- 37 **NOTE**: Running out of wine would be major social catastrophe and bring shame for family
- 38 Mary became aware of dilemma but was confident Jesus could do something about it. Jesus' response:
- 39 Woman, what has this to do with me. My hour has not yet come."
- 40 Jesus' exalting/honoring Mary and her role in GOD's plan for salvation history; Mary does not take
- 41 negatively and instructs servants to do what Jesus says;
- 42 **Prophesy:** Gen 3:15: Mary is the one who becomes the new Eve and Her son will crush the head of the
- serpent/defeat evil (protestants do not believe this interpretation as other women in Bible addressed as
- 44 woman)
- 45 **Review of symbolism of John's Gospel**: Outlines creation story then parallels story of Jesus who is
- 46 coming to bring new creation; sets stage to better understand who Jesus thus Mary, His mother, is the
- 47 new *Woman* of creation
- 48 "My hour has not yet come": My Hour Refers to His passion, death, resurrection-time He will defeat
- 49 Satan and reconcile us to GOD



did not hesitate to obey Him;

APPLICATION: Do whatever He tells you; TRUST HIM without hesitation

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