

Women in the Gospels

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In our meeting this month we reflect on Women in the Gospels; mainly focussing on the Gospel of Luke where references to women are made forty-five times .

	Matt	Mark	Luke	John
Elizabeth, John the Baptist mother. Was barren but "with God nothing shall be impossible". Filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied			1:5-80	
Anna, the Prophetess. Testified of the redeemer			2:36-38	
Herodias and Daughter (Salome). Wicked workers that have John the Baptist executed	14:1-12	6:14-29	3:19-20	
Peter's Mother-in-Law. Jesus heals her and she arose and ministered unto them	8:14-15	1:29-31	4:38-39	
The Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus cleverly and compassionately witnessed to her. She believed on Jesus and in turn eagerly witnessed to the townspeople				4:3-42
The woman caught in Adultery. Pharisees attempt to entrap Jesus. Jesus shows tact, compassion, and reflects truth				8:1-11
The Woman With Issue of Blood (Hemorrhaging). "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well"	9:20-22	5:24-34	8:42-48	
Jairus' Daughter. Jesus takes her by the hand and raises her from the dead	9:18-19; 23-26	5:22-24; 35-43	8:40-42; 49-56	
The Woman With a Spirit of Infirmary. Jesus heals her and honorably calls her "a daughter of Abraham"			13:10-17	
The poor widow who gave everything (The Widow's Mite). Jesus commends her giving		12:41-44	21:1-4	
The Gentile Woman with great faith. She receives healing for her demoniac daughter	15:21-28	7:24-30		
Pilate's wife (Claudia). Dreams about Jesus. Pleads with her husband to "have nothing to do with that just Man"	27:19			

Mary, the mother of Jesus

	Matt	Mark	Luke	John
Angel speaks with her and she responds in faith			1:27-38	
Visits Elizabeth & praises God			1:39-56	
Birth of Jesus	1:18-25		2:1-7	
Presents baby Jesus at Temple			2:21-40	
Seeks to speak with Jesus in a crowd	12:46-50	3:31-35	8:19-21	
Looks for twelve year old Jesus at the Temple			2:41-52	
Jesus turns water to wine at Mary's request				2:1-11
At the crucifixion	27:55	15:40	23:49	19:25-27

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Martha and Mary

	Matt	Mark	Luke	John
Mary learns at Jesus feet while Martha cooks"Mary hath chosen that good part,which shall not be taken away from her."			10:38-42	
Brother Lazarus raised from dead Martha makes a tremendous statement of faith				11:1-45

Mary Magdalene

	Matt	Mark	Luke	John
Observer of the crucifixion	27:55-56	15:40-41	23:49	19:25
A witness of Jesus' burial	27:61	15:47	23:55	
Returns to tomb to anoint Jesus' body with spices	28:1	16:1-4	24:1-3	20:1-10
Speaks with the angel of the Lord	28:5-7	16:5-8	24:4-8	20:11-13
First to witness the resurrected Lord	28:9-10	16:9		20:14-17
Testifies of the resurrection to the unbelieving disciples	28:8	16:10-11	24:9-11	20:18

Women in the Parables

	Matt	Mark	Luke	John
The parable of the lost coin			15:8-10	
The parable of the widow and the unjust judge			20:1-8	
The parable of the woman and the leavened meal	13:33		13:20-21	
Women grinding at the mill	24:41		17:35	

DISCUSSION THOUGHTS:

1. What was the perception of women in the culture of the day?
2. What can we learn from some of the accounts in the Gospels?
 - The Samaritan women at the well [John 4:3-42](#)
 - Mary at Jesus' feet [Luke 10:38-42](#)
 - Mary Magdalene testifies to the resurrection [Luke 24:9-11](#)
3. From these accounts, how did Jesus interact with women?
4. What other prominent women are mentioned in the bible (Old Testament, early church)?
5. What is the role of women in the church today?