

Mary Mother of God, Jan 1, Year B

Did you ever wonder why God waited to send Jesus until the time he did?

Think - Adam & Eve sinned – needed redemption – but not yet
Not for Cain & Able
Not for people from Tower of Babel
Not for Noah or Abraham or King David
Not for the prophets – not for any of them
It's been said that the shepherds in the fields were not ordinary shepherds

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God reveals Himself to mankind gradually – over time – when we are ready
“Gradual Self-revelation of God” takes place over time – directly in proportion to our ability to accept Him

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“In the fullness of time God sent His Son, born of woman”
Mary – in the fullness of time, receives the Son of God thru the power of the Holy Spirit
Mary – in the fullness of time, a fellow creature, becomes Mother of God – Mother of the Creator

LUKE

“Mary kept all these things in her heart” – don't all mothers do this?
Annunciation Doctor says ‘you’re pregnant’
Visitation to Eliz You tell your friends and they’re all a-twitter
Nativity Birth
Shepherds Friends and family come see the baby
Don't all mothers keep these things in their heart?
But Mary is different – her child is the Son of God
So rightly we call Mary “Mother of God”

As Mother of God she is our mother too – our Spiritual Mother
The Father chose Mary to bring Jesus into the world
So it is thru Mary that Jesus is brought to ME

Salvation is brought to us thru Jesus
But Jesus is brought to us thru Mary

In Galatians Paul Says:

“In the fullness of time, God sent His Son, born of woman, to ransom those under the law” –
He is talking about US

- Through Mary, Jesus came into the world and is part of our lives today –
- Through Mary, Jesus is born at Christmas – but He is born for Easter – **& We are redeemed**

Because of that – the blessing of the 1st reading from Book of Numbers is ours as we enter the new year:

May the Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord let His face shine upon you – and be gracious to you
The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!