THE BLESSED VIRGIN IN OUR LIFE

THE MOTHER OF JESUS
THE SPOUSE OF JOSEPH
THE CREATION OF CHRISTIAN SAINTS
-KNOWN FROM SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION

WHO WAS SHE?

1. ANNUNCIATION
   LIVING AT NAZARETH
   ESPoused to JOSEPH
   VISITED BY ARCHANGEL GABRIEL
   CONSENTED TO BE MOTHER OF MESSIAH
   (LK 1:26-32)

2. VISITATION
   JOURNEY TO ELIZABETH
   MAGNIFICAT
   (LK 1:39-56)

3. JOSEPH'S DILEMMA
   MARY'S BIRTH
   ANGEL'S APPEARANCE
   JOSEPH ACCEPTS MARY
   (MT 1:18-25)

4. BETHLEHEM
   MARY ACCOMPANIES JOSEPH
   JESUS IS BORN
   (LK 2:1-20)

5. CIRCUMCISION
   EIGHT DAYS AFTER BIRTH
   GIVEN THE NAME JESUS
   (LK 2:21)

6. PRESENTATION
   FORTY DAYS AFTER BIRTH, IN THE TEMPLE
   - PRESENTATION OF JESUS
   - PROPHECY OF SIMON
   - PURIFICATION OF MARY
   (LK 2:22-39)

7. FLIGHT INTO EGYPT
   MARY VISIT JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
   AND RETURN
   TWO WARNINGS TO MARY AND JOSEPH
   RETURN TO NAZARETH AFTER HEROD'S DEATH
   (MT 2:11-23)

8. FINDING IN THE TEMPLE
   JESUS AT TWELVE = BAR MITZVAH
   MARY AND JOSEPH FIND JESUS
   (LK 2:41-51)

9. CANA: FIRST MIRACLE THROUGH MARY
   CONVERSATION OF JESUS AND MARY
   (JN 2:1-11)

10. DURING CHRIST'S PUBLIC LIFE = MARY IN THE BACKGROUND

11. CRUCIFIXION
    ON THE CROSS, MARY BECAME OUR MOTHER BY
    CHRIST'S LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT
    (JN 19:25-27)

12. PENTECOST
    MARY WAS WITH THE DISCIPLES, PRAYING, AFTER
    CHRIST'S ASCENSION
    MARY RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT ON PENTECOST
    (ACTS 1:14)

EVIDENCE OF TRADITION

1. RESIDENCE: MOST LIKELY MARY LIVED AND DIED AT EPHESUS
2. LIFE SPAN: ONE TRADITION SAYS FIFTEEN YEARS AFTER CHRIST'S ASCENSION
3. APOCRYPHAL SOURCES: ESPECIALLY THE GOSPEL OF NAMES AND THE
   GOSPEL OF THE NATIVITY
4. TRADITIONAL BELIEFS: PARENTS JOSEPH AND ANNA, PRESENTATION OF MARY
5. EARLIEST IMAGE OF MARY: EARLY SECOND CENTURY, CEMETERY OF PRISCA