

MARY OF THE BIBLE

Opening Prayer: Mary's Canticle, Lk. 1:46

Gen. 3:15

The Church has traditionally seen Mary as the woman who crushed the serpent's head.

How do you think Mary does this?

Prov.31:10-31 The Ideal Wife.

How does this prefigure Mary?

How doesn't it?

Sir.24:1-18 Praise of Wisdom.

Meditate on Wisdom personified

How does this describe Mary?

How doesn't it.

How does it describe the Holy Spirit?

Isaiah 7:14 Virgin shall bear a Son

Isaiah 11:1 Stump of Jesse

Predictions identify Jesus as Messiah

Luke 1:26-38 Annunciation

Put yourself in Mary's position; How might you react?

Luke 1:39-45 & 56 Visitation

What would you consider the highlight of each story?

How would you tell these stories in your own words?

Revelation 12:1-18 The woman and the dragon

How do you think this woman might relate to Mary?

How might she be a figure of the Church?

What difficulties do you see in such interpretations?