

Response to PPSimmons' Attack Against Mary

This is a response video to PP Simmons who attacked the Roman Catholic Church's doctrine on the Blessed Virgin Mary regarding her Immaculate Conception, and to the fact that she was forever a virgin. And this position was enunciated by Mike Shoemith. So I thought we could have a little, so-to-speak, electronic debate on this topic. And go ahead Mike, I'll let you go first.

'The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is a Roman Catholic dogma, and it's one of the four dogmas of Mariology in the Roman Catholic Church.'

Well okay, I think you're basically correct Mike, however I do believe, some Protestant denominations also teach the Immaculate Conception, although obviously, not yours, but, in any case, go ahead, tell us more. What does the Immaculate Conception refer to?

'It essentially teaches that Mary was born without sin. She was sinless throughout her life and then she gave birth to Jesus as someone who is not a sinner.'

You are 100% correct Mike. Mary was sinless, from the moment of her conception. So, why do you object?

'You have to begin by asking the question, why did Jesus come here? Jesus came here to save sinners right? That's why he came. And in Luke 5:32 "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Right?

Yes, you are right Mike, and you quoted the Bible accurately: Jesus came to save sinners, but Mary was always righteous. He did not have to come to save Mary.

Let's let Mary explain in her own words, what's going on here. Verse 46, this is Luke 1:46. Mary's talking to a relative, Elizabeth. They've met up. Mary says, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my" what? What does Mary call God?

Mary calls God her 'Savior', but God can save us from many different things. For example, David calls God his Savior, because He protected him in battle. God did not save Mary from sin. He did not need to.

Mary says "My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior." Isn't that something? Mary herself claims to be a sinner and in need of a Savior.

Wait, Mike, hold on a minute! Mary is not claiming she is a sinner. Please, don't put words into her mouth. There is nowhere in Scripture where Mary says she is a sinner. No wonder you are mistaken about the Immaculate Conception.

'The doctrine of Immaculate Conception is wrong.'

No Mike, you are wrong!

'It places Mary on a level that, yes she does deserve honor, but she doesn't deserve the place of sinlessness. Mary herself, in Luke 1:47, says that God is her Savior.'

Let me explain this, one more time. I agree with you Mike: God is Mary's Savior, but God does not save Mary from sin. Mary is forever sinless. You need to go ahead and read the next verse. Because in verse number 48, Mary explains what it is that God saves her from, and it is not from sinfulness. Let's read Luke 1:47-48 ***'And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the low estate of his handmaid'***. Please note there's nothing there about sinfulness ***'for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.'*** So now we know what it is that God saves Mary from: He saves her from obscurity. All generations will understand that Mary is the greatest woman God ever created. God does not save her from sinfulness. She is, in fact, exactly what the Roman Catholic Church teaches: she is the Immaculate Conception.

And I would like to make one more important observation: Mary is the only one in Scripture to use that phrase 'God my Savior' even though she is carrying Jesus in her own womb when she says that. Why doesn't she say: 'Jesus my Savior'? And the reason is because Jesus does save all the rest of us from sin but he does not have to save Mary from sin. Jesus is the only person of the Trinity who died on the cross, not God the Father, and not God the Holy Spirit. When Mary says 'God my Savior' she is speaking about God as the Trinity. The Trinity is what saves her, not from sin, but from obscurity. When Jesus is dying on the cross and He says: 'my God, my God, why have you forsaken me', He is addressing the other two persons of the Trinity, my God the Father and my God the Holy Spirit.

And so Mike, the Roman Catholic Church is right about Mary's Immaculate Conception. And now, I know you want to discuss another Catholic doctrine, that Mary is forever a virgin.

*Mark 6:3, where it says, **'is not this the carpenter** (they're talking about Jesus, they were wrong about that to, by the way, the carpenter, Jesus was never a carpenter) **the son of Mary the mother, the brother of James'**. So they're saying that Jesus is the Son of Mary the brother of James and Joses and Judah and Simon. **'Are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at Him.'***

Sure they were offended at Him! These people are lying about Jesus. Jesus had no blood brothers or sisters. Why are you taking the words of these unbelievers? Again Mike, you need to go ahead and read a little further on in Mark. Let's look at Mark, chapter 6, verses 5 through 6: **'And he could not do any miracles there, only that he cured a few that were sick, laying his hands upon them. And he marveled because of their unbelief.'** So Mike, you might just as well take the words of the scribes and Pharisees. These people are not telling the truth about Jesus!

'So here we have one verse which explains that Mary, his mother, had sons and daughters, brothers and sisters of Jesus.' So, they're wrong about that too.'

No Mike, the Catholic Church is right about that too. Does it make any sense to you that when Jesus was dying on the cross, if He actually had any blood brothers and sisters, wouldn't He have put His mother into their care rather than into the care of Saint John? Why do you listen to these unbelievers in Mark, chapter number 6? Scripture says they have no belief. Let me read that passage again: 'And he could not do any miracles there.. because of their unbelief.' So you are agreeing with unbelievers. Mary was forever a virgin and I warn you Mike, if you persist in promoting the views of these unbelievers then Jesus will not be able to work any miracles in your life either!

And so, in conclusion, I am very disappointed with the ppsimmons channel. It is very important that we understand Mary's role in these End Times. It is prophesied in Scripture that she will crush the head of the serpent; and Satan is spreading a lot of lies about her role and how she will help us defeat the Antichrist.