

## “Behold Thy Mother!”

Text: John 19:23-27

### Introduction:

1. Today is Mother’s Day.
2. Mothers and Fathers are to be honored every day – by one’s life.
3. Lessons from Jesus’ care for His mother.

### I. “Behold Thy Mother”

- A. When Jesus was crucified, He remembered His mother.
  1. While He was on the cross, soldiers divided His garments.
  2. His coat (tunic) was without seam, so they gambled for it.
  3. According to tradition, this tunic was made for a Jewish man by his mother in preparation for his life apart from the home.
- B. She had cared for and stood by Jesus all of His life.
  1. Luke 1:38 - *Responsibility*
  2. Luke 2:19 - *Meditation, maturation*
  3. Luke 2:22-24, 39 - *Spiritual upbringing*
  4. Luke 2:34-35 - *Sacrifice*
  5. Luke 2:40-52 - *Discipline, nurturing (cf. Eph. 6:4)*
  6. John 2:3-5 - *Confidence*
  7. John 19:25 - *Loyalty*
- C. Jesus obeyed the command to “honor thy father and thy mother.”
  1. To honor one’s parents is to feel the weight of respect for them (Col. 3:20; Eph. 6:1-3).
  2. To honor one’s parents is to bear the weight of caring for them (Mark 7:10-13; 1 Tim. 5:1-4, 8, 16).
  3. To honor one’s parents is to bestow upon them the obedience, respect, and love that they deserve.
- D. Even in the midst of great suffering, Jesus remembered His mother.

### II. “Behold Thy Son”

- A. Jesus provided for His mother by entrusting her care to John.
- B. This demonstrates the great faith of John.
  1. Mary had other sons – the half-brothers of Jesus (Matt. 13:55; Mark 6:3).
  2. However, they did not believe in Jesus (John 7:5).
  3. The spiritual bond surpassed any physical tie.
- C. This illustrates the sterling character of John.
  1. Jesus knew that John was trustworthy, loyal, and faithful.
  2. Immediately, John took her as a part of his own family.
  3. Jesus has committed great responsibility to His disciples.
  4. Are we faithful stewards?
- D. Even though they were not related by blood, Mary and John became mother and son to one another.
  1. Adoption
  2. Step-families
  3. Mentors (Mark 10:29-30; 1 Tim. 5:1-2; Titus 2:1-6)
- E. Like Jesus, we must learn to honor our parents.