

# Another Mother & Son Talk

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**Mom:** Son, I need to talk to you.

**Son:** What about?

**Mom:** Remember that talk we had a few months ago? When you blew my mind about not being a Roman Catholic anymore? And all the other stuff you told me about the apostles and Jesus and Mary?

**Son:** How could I forget? You didn't talk to me for over a month. Then I started to get phone calls from Bill and Aunt Josie telling me I was going to Hell unless I came back to Mother Church and confessed the errors of my ways. I even got calls from family members, who hadn't been to church in years, wanting to know what happened to me. It was amazing!

**Mom:** For that you can blame me.

**Son:** I figured that when it started.

**Mom:** I just thought maybe someone could talk some sense into you and you would forget all of that stuff you were talking about.

**Son:** Actually - I have to thank you.

**Mom:** Thank me? You're kidding. I heard what some of them said to you. A lot of it wasn't very nice.

**Son:** I know. Especially from Bill and Aunt Josie. They got pretty nasty. They said I hated Roman Catholics.

**Mom:** I heard.

**Son:** But it was okay.

**Mom:** I don't understand. I heard that they did a lot of yelling and threatening to you.

**Son:** It's true - they did. But it gave me an opportunity to share things from the Bible that they were unaware of. And to explain to them why I believe what I believe and that it was out of love and concern for them that I was sharing what I was with them. If I didn't love them - I wouldn't bother. Who needs the grief?

**Mom:** Well, I know you blew some of their minds. Like you did me.

**Son:** My intention isn't to blow anybody's mind but just to explain to them why I left the Roman Catholic Church.

**Mom:** Well - your brother Bill and your Aunt Josie don't want to ever talk to you again. That's what they told me.

**Son:** I'm sorry to hear that. But there's a reason for that kind of reaction.

**Mom:** What reason?

**Son:** They feel threatened! They have believed what they were taught in the Roman Catholic Church all of their lives. To the point to where they dedicated themselves to serving it as a full-time vocation. That's why Bill became a priest and Aunt Josie a nun. Now I come along and tell them that they have believed a lot of lies and false teachings. So it's only natural that they would get upset and be mad. I'm shaking their comfort zone and they can't handle it. So instead of checking out what I've got to say - they reject me and what I said out of hand.

**Mom:** That doesn't seem right.

**Son:** It isn't. But what can I do? As a Christian, I am supposed to share the "Good News" of the Lord Jesus Christ with other people (Mt. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15-16). I especially want to share it with the people I am closest with and who I care the most about. That's why I had to talk to you. I love you the most of all.

**Mom:** You're just trying to butter me up.

**Son:** No I'm not. I really mean it.

**Mom:** Well, that's what I wanted to talk to you about.

**Son:** About what?

**Mom:** Well, I finally looked up the Bible passages you gave me, about Mary having other sons and daughters. You know, after she had given birth to Jesus (Mt. 1:24-25; 12:46-47; 13:55-56; Mk. 3:31-32; 6:3; Lk. 8:19-20).

**Son:** And?

**Mom:** You were right! It's seems pretty clear to me and should to anyone reading the Bible, that she did have other kids after the birth of Jesus.

**Son:** I know.

**Mom:** So why does the Catholic Church teach that she didn't?

**Son:** Maybe it was so they could elevate her to a position of deserving worship.

**Mom:** What do you mean?

**Son:** Well, think about it. If she was just an ordinary woman - how could you justify worshipping her? But if you could say of her that she was a virgin all of her life and that she was the mother of God and that she was sinless, then you could make her into a person worthy of worship. Even equal to the Lord Jesus.

**Mom:** I don't understand.

**Son:** Would you be willing to worship someone and pray to that someone and give money in the name of that someone if you did not think of that someone in the same way you do with God?

**Mom:** No.

**Son:** So maybe that is your answer. I remember what took place when my buddy Bob married his wife Jan.

**Mom:** Remember what?

**Son:** What she did after the priest pronounced them man and wife and before they went down the aisle to leave the church.

**Mom:** What already?

**Son:** After the priest was through with his part of the ceremony, Jan walked over to the statue of Mary that was at the front of the church and off to the side and knelt down before it and I guess she prayed to it while she was on her knees before it. I never forgot her doing that. And that happened a long time ago.

**Mom:** So what!

**Son:** What do you mean, so what? God made it very clear that we are to have no other gods before Him and that we are not to worship or to bow down to any manmade images. It was the Roman Catholic Church that taught Jan to pray to Mary. But according to what God told Moses it was a definite no - no.

**Mom:** How do you know that?

**Son:** You can read it for yourself in the *Old Testament* book of *Exodus* 20:3-5. And after you read it, you'll have to decide whose instructions are you going to believe and follow.

The instructions, given by God, as they are recorded in the Bible, or those of the Roman Catholic Church. What is really interesting though, is that the Roman Catholic Church is not the first false religion to come up with a so-called “queen of heaven.”

**Mom:** What do you mean?

**Son:** Just what I said. The pagan religions have always had their particular version of a “queen of heaven” going all the way back to Nimrod in the days when the “Tower of Babel” was being built. You can read about it in a book called ‘The Two Babylons’ by Alexander Hislop (Loizeaux Brothers, N.Y.) If you read that book, you would be amazed at the incredible similarities between the religion of Babylon and the Roman Catholic Church.

**Mom:** I never heard of that book.

**Son:** I know, most people haven’t. It’s considered a classic literary effort what with the documentation of its historical content and the explanation of the teachings of both religions.

**Mom:** Really?

**Son:** Really. But if you don’t want to read that book but do want to read about another “queen of heaven” that the Jewish people gave worship to, all you have to do is turn to the *Old Testament* and read *Jeremiah 7:17-18* and *Jeremiah 44:15-30*. In those Bible passages you will read about a woman, who the people of Judah worshipped and sacrificed to. A woman they referred to as, "the queen of heaven."

**Mom:** You’re kidding!

**Son:** No. I’m not.

**Mom:** I never heard of that.

**Son:** Who has? But the point is that God got ticked off at the people of Judah for doing that and He judged them big time. The people of Judah paid a big price for worshiping and sacrificing to that particular “queen of heaven.” And so did the people of Egypt for that matter.

**Mom:** Really?

**Son:** Yep. And there is a reason why. God describes Himself in the *Old Testament* as being a jealous God in a number of passages (Ex. 20:5; Ex. 34:14; Dt. 4:24; 5:9; 6:15; Josh. 24:19). The word “jealous” means that He is unwilling to share His people or the love of His people and their worship with anyone or anything! And that’s a fact.

**Mom:** I’m glad you’re not preaching to me.



















