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Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, is without controversy the most blessed woman of all time. Luke's gospel gives us the most complete description of her blessedness.

*"Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; **blessed** are you among women!" (Luke 1:26-28). **Blessed** here means; "uniquely favored from among all women", or "acted upon favorably by God".*

Next, Luke relates a dialog between Mary and her cousin Elizabeth after Mary had conceived. *"And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. **Blessed** is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord." (Luke 1:39-45)* This word for **blessed** is; "to be pronounced or declared as blessed", "the state of being marked by the fullness of God", "fully satisfied by God".

The third word for blessed is contained in Mary's reply to Elizabeth, known as "Mary's Magnificat". *"And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me **blessed**. . ."* A different Greek word is used here for blessed indicating that the goodwill credited to Mary commenced at the time of her visit with Elizabeth, and it will continue throughout all generations. It is obviously God's will for us to consider Mary's blessings.

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Is Mary to be worshiped along with the Father and the Son?

Listen to Jesus' words from John's gospel. *"For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father."* (John 5:21,22)

Revelation Chapter 5 captures the host of heaven praising God; Father and Son: *"Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!"*

Many "traditions" have been established over the centuries since the Bible was written.

The following tables affirm essential truths the Apostles and prophets held concerning Jesus.

#	Doctrine	Jesus	Mary
1	<u>Deity:</u> <u>Propheesied</u> <u>Claimed by</u> <u>Jesus</u> <u>Confirmed</u> By Signs <u>Worshiped:</u> By man By Disciples By Angels & Others	Isaiah 9:6 John 8:58; 10:30; 20:28,29 Too numerous to List. Matt 8:2; 9:18; John 9:38 Luke 24:52; Matt 28:17 Too numerous to List.	No Biblical mention of Deity concerning Mary
2	<u>Pre-existence</u>	Col 1:15-19	No Mention
3	<u>Glory</u>	John 17:24	No Mention
4	<u>Co-Creator</u>	John 1:3; Col 1:16; Heb 1:10-12	No Mention

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5	<u>Savior</u>	Romans 5:9; Col 1:20; Heb 1:3; 5:9	No Mention
6	<u>Position</u> (Father's right Hand)	Matt 22:44; 26:64 Mark 16:19 Acts 7:55 Eph 1:20	No Mention
7	<u>Heavenly Scene</u> (Father, Son, Cherubim, 24 Elders, etc.)	Revelation Chapters 1, 4 & 5	No Mention
8	<u>Believer's Focus</u>	John 15:5 Heb 12:2,3 1st John 5:5	No Mention
9	<u>Intercessor</u>	Hebrews 7:25 1st Tim 2:5 "For there Is one God and <u>one</u> Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,"	No Mention

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