

The following are rough and ready notes from the presentation on Mary; my comments are in brackets and bold []

Can't go into the house of the lamb and ignore the mother

Typology: Mary is the NT Ark of the Covenant; cf. the parallels of OT to Mary in the NT establish her position.

She is NT queen mother on analogy with the mother of the king in OT

A royal position

Even the king bowed to her in respect: "come sit here at my right hand" [**the idea of Christ bowing to Mary, as this implies, is abhorrent to say the least!**]

The king would not refuse a request from the queen mother

In these types, the HS prepared the way for Mary

Immaculate Conception

Because she undoes what the first woman did in the fall; the first woman was without sin; so, how could the undoing come in a different way? [**This approach misses both the place of Adam and the place of Christ in the history of redemption; this is like a two-Eve scheme substitution and distortion of the biblical pattern of what is explicit in Romans 5 where the type to antitype is Adam to Christ and not Eve to Mary. Most importantly, she does no redemptive undoing for she is a sinner herself in need of a Savior. We believe she was a virgin until after Christ was born; but not the kind of virgin that tradition has built up]**

She could have said no [where get this idea that Mary consented and could have said no to giving birth to Christ and thus have prevented His birth? The relevant text states that she found favor in God's eyes (God graced her; gave her grace) and she was told "you will conceive...Jesus" Lk. 1.31; it will be by the power of the Spirit for with God nothing is impossible, vs. 35, 37. Her reply was humble submission to the fact not permission of it when she then said, Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word, Lk 1.38 (she submits with a simple "so be it")]

But was without sin, so, her immediate response was yes

Cana

Jesus referred to her as cosmic woman

Do as he tells you: she is 1st and best Christian

Perpetually a virgin (had no other children; that is Protestant wrong interpretation)

Never mind the highfalutin arguments: how would you like to have the incarnation as your brother, Jesus never got a 30 on a test? [**Eek; superhuman, no mistakes, learning by trial and error; besides this is pure conjecture]**

Calvin and Luther accepted all of this; they never repudiated Rome on Mary [**of course they grant that Mary is the mother of God in the sense that she is the mother of Christ in terms of His human nature, but they do reject the idolatry of Rome; they do not teach immaculate conception, free will, or her perpetual virginity with the wrong view of sex that drives this doctrine]**

Protestants have trouble saying “Blessed Virgin Mary”

Who is more biblical? That Scripture says, for all generations will call me blessed
[This is true and we grant that all will call her blessed, but not in the context of Mariolatry and not as if her virginity was perpetual. She is blessed; and those who know Christ by faith are even more blessed than her. She did not remain a virgin so the title is misplaced; she was a virgin when Christ was born: He was born of a virgin.]

She will appear in the sky **[Her coming is instead of or on a par with the 2nd coming of Christ!]**

Revelation 12: woman clothed with the Sun is Mary **[Is this contextual; is not the point that Israel become the new Israel gave birth to Christ?]**

Biggest consolation

I have the F, S, and HS and the biggest blessing: my mother is a daughter of Mary [eek!
How can they wonder that Protestants cringe at the elevation of Mary?]

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Jesus did obey the 4th commandment **[they merge 1 & 2, cf. 5th]**

This text refutes that Mary had other children because John took her: if she had other children they would care for her: big sin if not care for your parents as Pharisees. **[This is hardly conclusive; it could hint in that direction, but there may be many reasons for this action even though Mary gave birth to many other children; the account with John does surely carry much symbolic weight that teaches among other things that Mary will no longer be the mother of Christ for the finished work of Christ bring her into a new relationship with Christ]**

How be in the family of Mary

If you live a good life **[salvation by works not grace!]**

Emotional for Protestants

They disregard Mary

How help them

Answer: they hold to sola scriptura and interpret literally; they need the deep understanding of the many layers like in the typology of OT

Besides if they have a problem to their belief system, they just disregard it; we don't do that; that is why we have shows on TV like this one.

Protestants think we worship Mary

We see here not as a god but as the highest of creatures

Rosary is not to Mary; it is like asking someone to pray for you

We see Mary the way God sees Mary **[this is the goal we should have in which Scripture not tradition and conjecture guides our grasp of God's view of Mary]**

All Christians are Mary's children

The Catholic Church is truthful, so, catholic understanding is best

There is a growing move back to mom **[interesting emotional appeal to deeply ground Mariolatry]**