

## **A NEW VOICE COMES FORTH** **TEACHING** by Mary Lou Houllis

"And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her." Luke 1:38

This scripture is one of the most profound statements in our Bible! It was a proclamation which forever changed the voice coming forth into the earth. A woman named Mary declared that she would no longer see things according to her vain imagination, but NOW, according to the word of God.

Have you ever wondered what the name, Mary, means? I surely have, because my name is Mary Lou. As I began my search in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, I was in for a shock! Excitedly, I looked up the name in the original Greek, anticipating an inspirational meaning. Maybe it would show me my calling....It must mean something like...."chosen for a great destiny, woman of supreme wisdom, compelled by purpose," or something equally marvelous. To my *great* surprise, Strong's #3137 revealed that *Mary* was from the Hebrew name, Mariam. I began to get a little suspicious when I remembered what Mariam had been known for. No matter .... on with my search for a great destiny! *Mariam* in Strong's Concordance referred to #4813. I could hardly wait to find out the meaning. As I scanned the page, and my eyes landed on #4805, which had only one definition, "rebelliously." What? My only hope was a reference to its root, #4805. Surely, this would reveal more. Once again, surprised by what I found, it only broadened "rebelliously" by adding "bitterness, rebellion, or rebellious; rebel." What was I to make of this discovery? A Great Truth!

God was taking me on an adventure, and revealing a beautiful truth. He began to show me that the name of the first female in the Bible was actually "woman." When Adam saw her he said, "This is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh; and she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of Man." Gen. 2:23. The name woman, or "ishah", reveals that she was a "womb-man." Her name was Woman. Notice that Adam did not change her name until after her disbelief, and after they began to eat of a mixture. The tree they ate from contained both good and evil, instead of only Life. As a consequence, the first woman had her name changed. It was no longer woman, but now she would be called, Eve. You may also see that God told Adam to give names only to the animals, not to humans! Interesting. In the New Testament, there arises a young girl named Mary (rebellion). For 4,000 years we do not hear of anyone named, Woman, in the earth. This young girl, Mary, would be a key to bring back that, *Woman*. Mary heard a word from the Lord which at first, seemed unbelievable. She surely could not bring forth a son, much less the very son of God, for she had never known a man. This tidings would have to a supernatural event, one never heard of before this time. Something, which to the human mind, seemed impossible. Mary was chosen and named to be a picture of that first woman, who rebelled against the word of God. Instead of disbelief she uttered the profound statement, "Be it unto me according to Your Word." She negated the voice of rebellion from the first woman, and replaced it with the voice of belief! Her belief in the word brought *Woman* back, but this Woman would believe in her destiny to bring forth the very Life of God to the earth! God's Word is His seed which He planted, the inside of you.

Now, let's look at the impact the voice of belief began to have. Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was also with child. When Mary entered the home and spoke,

Elizabeth heard the voice of *belief*, no longer, *rebellion*. The babe in Elizabeth's womb leaped and she was filled with the Holy Spirit. Mary's voice became the voice of God and touched the fertilized seed in Elizabeth, which changed her voice to one of BELIEF! Elizabeth began to speak out loud in the same voice saying, Now you are blessed among Women, no longer living in the identity of Eve, but woman once again... The fruit of your womb is blessed, unlike the fruit of Eve's womb. Adam, you remember, called Eve, the *mother of all living*. NOW, Mary, a woman which believed, would bring forth a man child which would be the Savior of all humanity. He was the last Adam, and became the First New Creation Man. Mary believed the word so her identity changed back to *Woman* or womb-man. She now would bring forth the True Word of God-Jesus Christ.

Did you ever wonder why Jesus Christ at the wedding at Cana, His first recorded miracle, called His mother, Woman? He said in John 2:4, when she told Him they were out of wine, "*Woman*, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come." He came to call forth woman, once again, in the earth -- to change Mary, Mariam, or rebellion, back to *Woman* again. He recognized *this Woman*, but knew His hour to be reunited with her had not yet fully come. From the cross, He said to John (meaning beloved), "Behold your mother and *Woman*, behold, your son." You are once again "*womb-man*" the mother of all loving!

In John 20, we see the beautiful message of a woman and a Man back in the Garden, in true identity, once again. Let's begin in Verse 11, where we see Mary stooped down outside the sepulchre. Seeing Mary *stooped* reminds me of the crippled woman, bent over, who came to Christ. Both give us a picture of a woman with her eyes on her earthly identity, and under great bondage.

Christ came to change that! Verse 12 shows her looking in the tomb where she finds her answer. There are two angels, one at the head and the other at the foot, where the body of Christ had laid. Mary sees a picture of what the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ had changed for all of mankind. Here was the picture of a Mercy Seat, instead of a judgment seat. Remember the two cherubims on the top of the Ark of the Covenant, the Mercy Seat? Here, she saw the reality of that type and shadow from the Old Testament. Mary was the first *to see it*. In verse 13, look how the angels sitting and representing the Mercy Seat, address Mary, or rebellion. "*Woman*, why weepeth thou?" She tells them that she is looking for her Lord, and doesn't know where they have lain him. You bet she was! *Woman* was looking for her Lord, so that she could be complete. Just as she said that, she turns herself back to see what had been accomplished through His death and resurrection, (power over death) and comes face to face with Jesus Christ, whom she didn't recognize. Verse 15 says that she thought He was the gardener .... and so He was! Here we are shown a picture of the True Gardener, the last Adam -- Jesus Christ and a Woman, back in a garden, after 4,000 years. In verse 15, Christ addresses her by the name *Mary*. Mary, or rebellion, by her words recognized Him as her Master, her Lord.

We see all of these women in the New Testament named Mary, and each gives us a beautiful picture of the first woman in the Garden of Eden. She could not believe the word of God which said that she was created in His Image, so she began to eat of a tree of mixture, which brought forth death to all mankind. Here these "Mary's" came with the identity of the first woman, rebellion, but they believed. They said no longer will we live by what we see but by Your Word! With each statement of belief the voice of unbelief was *stilled in the earth*, **and changed** to the very Voice of God, bringing forth the

*miraculous!*

**You are called in this day to speak with that** very same Voice of Faith, stilling the voice of condemnation and unbelief. When confronted with situations in your life which look impossible, **can you say**, "Be it unto me according to your word? When you do, you are changing the atmosphere of this earth from one of negativity and doubt to one of belief and power!

When confronted with a raging storm while on a boat, listen to the words Christ spoke. "And He arose and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, *be still*. And the wind ceased, and there arose a great calm." He spoke, and silenced the voice of the storm with the Voice of God.

You have been called, chosen, destined, and purposed to still the voice of the storms in your life and those in this world. The Voice of God, proceeding from you, has the power to speak to hurricanes, earthquakes, sickness, poverty, depression, and even death. It can speak with the authority to subdue all things into the reality of the Kingdom of God. You have a great part, and that is to not react by what you see with your physical eyes, but to say as Mary did, even though it looks impossible, even though it will take the supernatural to bring it to pass, even though I might be ridiculed, I BELIEVE... Be it unto me according to Your Word!