

ENCOUNTERING JESUS



Behold Your Mother

John 19:25-27

Mary



But Mary **treasured up all these things** and pondered them in her heart.

Luke 2:19, NIV

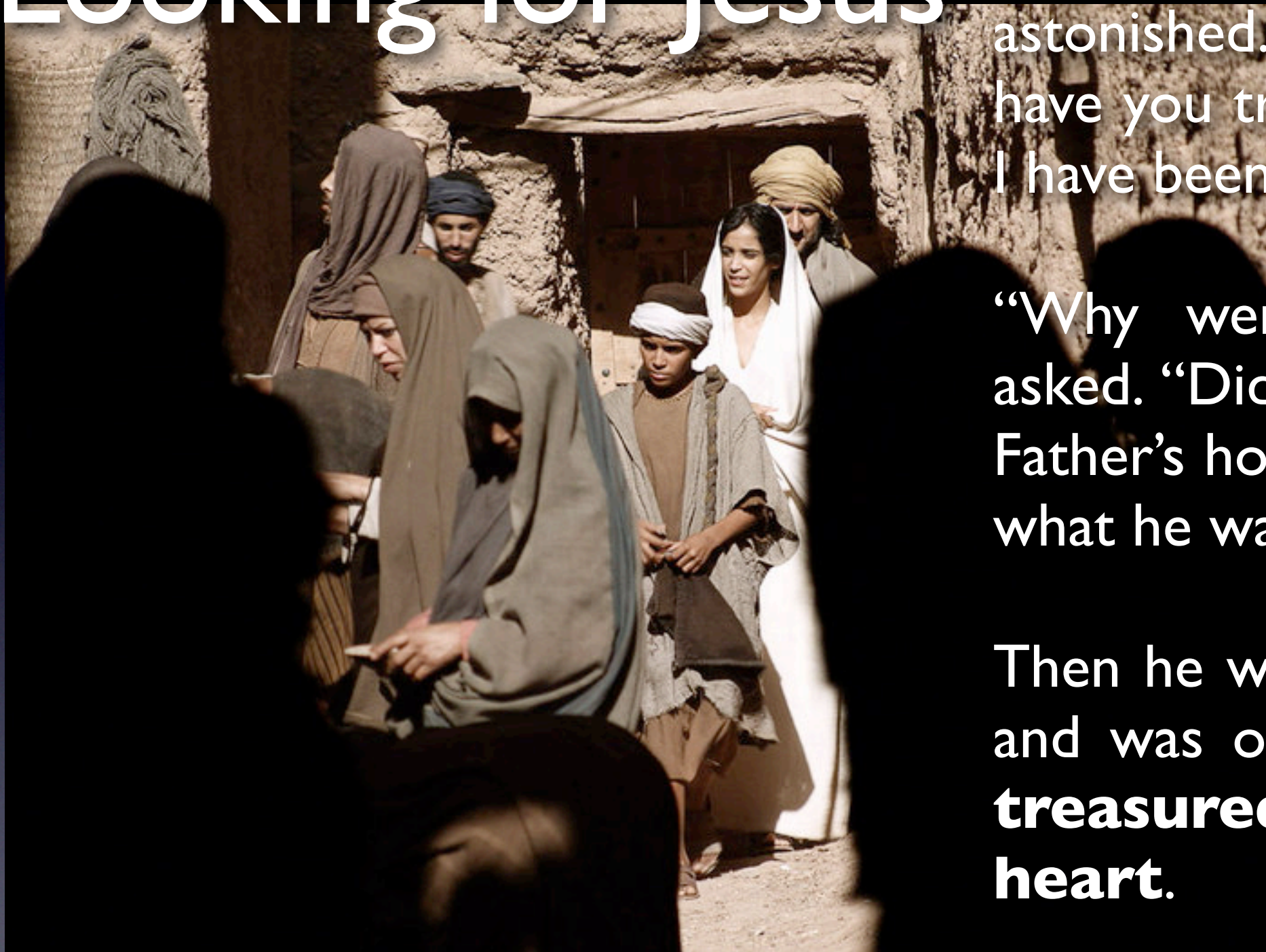
Looking for Jesus

When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you."

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother **treasured all these things in her heart.**

Luke 2:48-51, NIV



Wedding in Cana



On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "**Do whatever he tells you.**"

John 2:1-5, NIV

Mother and Brothers



Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you."

He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who **hear** God's word and put it into **practice**."

Luke 8:19-21, NIV



Why did his
mother and
brothers want to
see him?

Mother and Brothers



“Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of **James**, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?” And they [the Jews] took offense at him.

Mark 6:3, NIV

Like a Hen



“Jerusalem, Jerusalem...how often I have longed to gather your children together, **as a hen gathers her chicks** under her wings, and you were not willing.”

Luke 13:34, NIV

Like a Mother

**“As a mother comforts her child,
so will I comfort you...”**

Isaiah 66:13, NIV



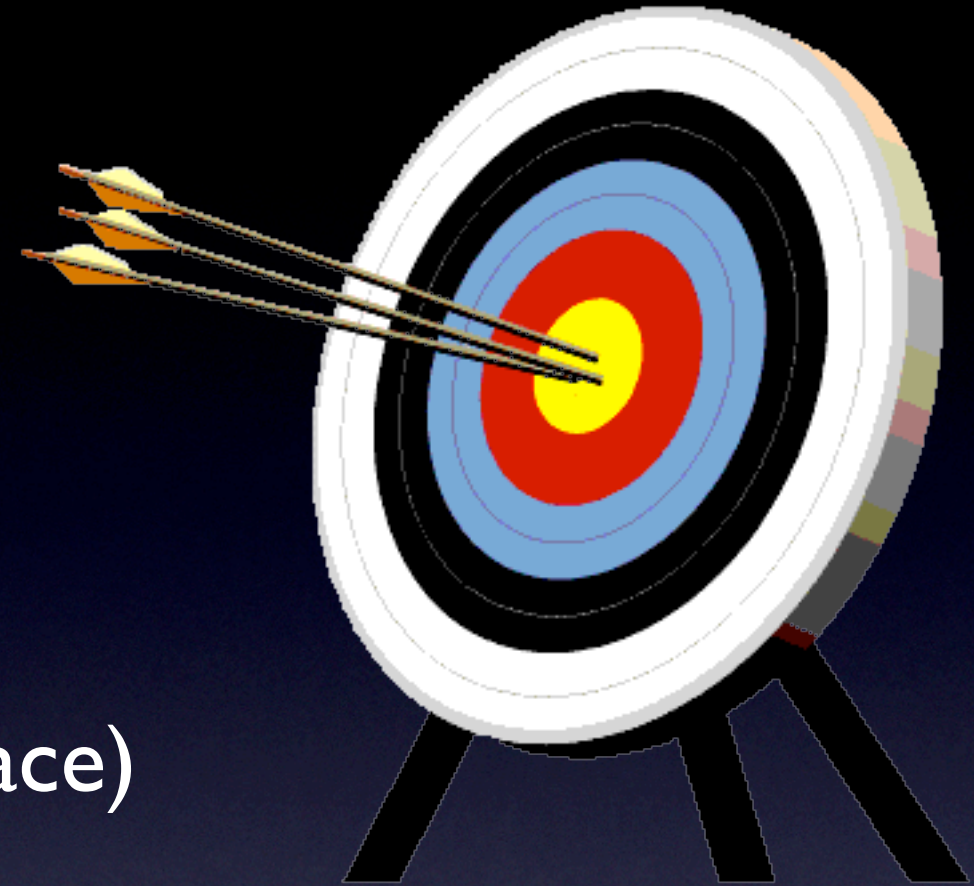
Jesus' Final Concern



When Jesus saw his mother there [near the cross], and the disciple whom he loved [John] standing nearby, he said to her, “Woman, here is your son,” and to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” From that time on, **this disciple took her** into his home.

John 19:25-27, NIV

Points to Ponder



- Jesus gave John to Mary as her son (in his place)
- John was told to take care of Mary (as his own mother)
- Mary was not entrusted to Jesus' brothers



Women, behold your children



Children, behold your mothers



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