

Mary's Assumption into Heaven

Intro song " Your Grace is Enough" off of the LIVE Steubenville album from Bob Rice

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Prayers:

Unification of all faithful in the ONE, HOLY, Catholic, and Apostolic Church

For all Vocations to the married life, the ordained Priesthood, and the professed religious

For increased holiness & faith in God

for an increase in Love for our Lord Jesus Christ!

The argument:

- Where is it in scripture that Mary was assumed into heaven?
- Doesn't that mean that Mary was as holy as Jesus to ascend like him?
- If Mary was so holy then why did she die in the first place... or does the Church think that she never died?

The Apology:

- CCC 966
 - At the end of her life she was assumed into heaven by God! Free from the stain of original sin...

- Let's set the stage a bit for Mary:
 - Mary is the "New Eve":
 - Like Eve... Mary too was born/created without sin...
 - unlike Eve's disobedience, which brought death into the world...
 - Mary's obedience, and trust in "God her savior" she was declared "Theotokos" who brings true LIFE into the world!
 - Like Eve who was confronted by an Angel and given a choice....
 - Mary was confronted by the Angel Gabriel and given the choice to accept as the Ka-CAR-REE-TOE-MAY-NEE... the Full of Grace... to bear Christ into the world!
 - Justin the Maytr - AD 155 in his Dialogue w/ Trypho wrote
 - Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant:
 - Like the Ark, fashioned in the wilderness by Moses w/ pure gold & filled with
 - Manna
 - Rod of Aaron
 - Tablets of the Law
 - Mary becomes the ark of the new Covenant, fashioned as the pure vessel to house much more than the first:
 - the TRUE bread come down from heaven - John 6
 - the TRUE high priest - Hebrews & Rev. 1
 - the TRUE law... the word that spoke it on

the MT. and now writes it on our hearts instead of stone - Matthew 5

- Compare 2 Samuel 6:1-15 to Luke 1:39-56
 - David arose in haste to take the Ark up to the City of David but ended up in a town in the hill country of Judea.
 - Mary arose in haste and went to her cousin Elizabeth in a town in the hill country of Judea.
 - David proclaimed "How can the ark of the Lord come to me"
 - Elizabeth proclaimed "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the Fruit of your womb! And why is this granted me that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?"
 - David Danced & leaped before the Ark
 - John the Baptist leaped within Elizabeth's womb at the sound of Mary's voice.
 - The ark remained at the house of Obed-Edom for 3 months
 - Mary remained with Elizabeth for 3 months!
- Mary is spotless & holy
 - If the ground/dirt that surrounded the burning bush was so holy that Moses had to remove his sandals how much more the Mother of God? Exodus 3:5
 - If the Ark was so holy that when Uzzah

touched it he died... how much more the Mother of God? 2 Sam. 6:7

- When the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies every year on Yom Kippur, to offer sacrifice for the people before the very face of God, after offering BULL for himself, would wear a rope... why in case he was not truly without sin... how much more the Mother of God?
- Mary is the NEW GIB-EE-RAW
 - Like Bathsheba who was given a throne to sit upon at the right hand of her SON, the KING of the Israelite KINGDOM in Jerusalem **1 Kings 2:19**
 - How much more Mary, the MOTHER, of the King of Kings & the Lord of Lords who's son, Jesus, is the NEW David, the one greater & more wise than Solomon, who brings the NEW Israel, has brought up HIS mother to sit at HIS right hand?
- Alright but... there is NO biblical bases for Assumption in scripture?
 - Really?
 - What about Enoch in Genesis 5:24 "[24] *Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.*"
 - Or how about Elijah in 2 Kings 2:1-13 :
verse 11 " *behold, a chariot of fire and horses*

of fire separated the two of them. And Eli'jah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."?

- Ok so assumption might be possible... but where does scripture show Mary as having been assumed?
 - Revelation 11:19 - 12:1 "*[19] Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, voices, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail* **Rev.12: [1]** *And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;"*
- Notice there are no cities who claim to possess her bones or her tomb... simply that the Church has believed that she enjoyed the Fruits of her Son's resurrection:
 - **JUST** like those in Matt. 27:52 & 53
"52] the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, [53] and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many."
- Like Bathsheeba who became the Queen Mother once her son ascended to the throne so does Our Lady, Mary become the Queen

Mother, mother to us all, at the foot of the Cross, when her Son ascended to His Throne. Now she enjoys what we all hope, in Christ to enjoy someday... resurrection!

- 1 Cor. 15:20-27 "*[20] But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. [21] For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. [22] For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. [23] But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. [24] Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. [25] For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. [26] The last enemy to be destroyed is death. [27] "For God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "All things are put in subjection under him," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things under him.*"