

St Mark's Church

Mothersing Sunday 2017



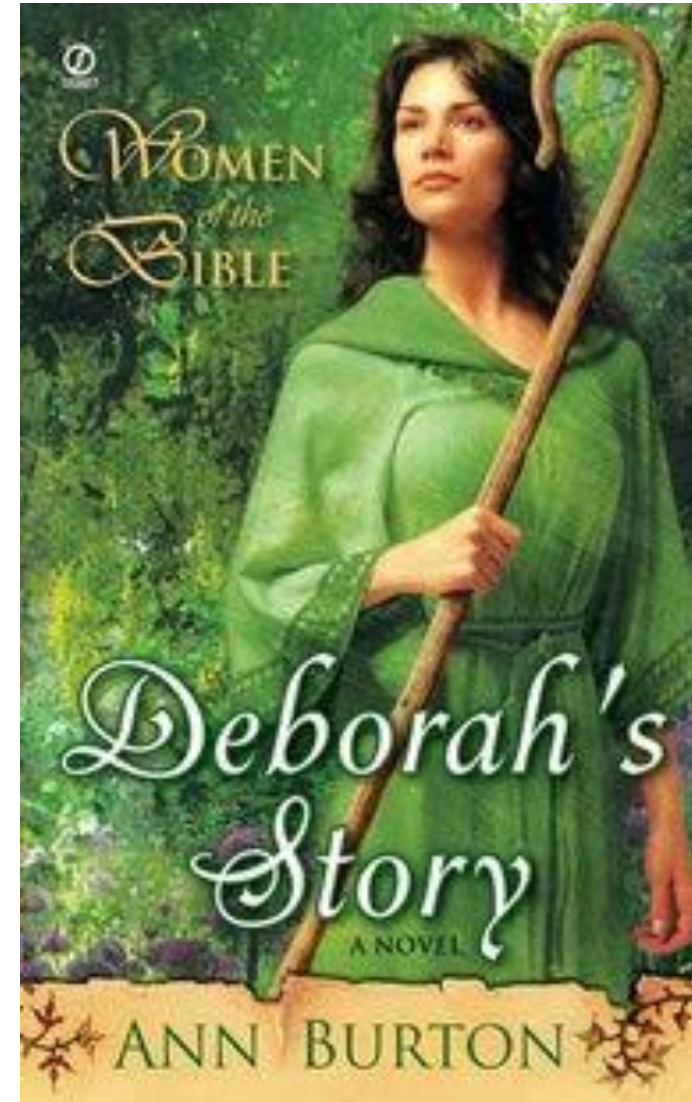
Deborah

Mentioned in Judges 4 and 5

She was a military leader and led her army to victory over a Canaanite army commanded by Sisera. Then mortal blow to the Canaanite general was delivered by another woman Jael. Possibly 12c BC

She would sit under a palm tree and people would come to her for judgement Prophet and judge to Israel, Deborah is known for her wisdom, courage and compassionate zeal for justice.

It was before the monarchy a time of social and political crisis



Hagar

Egyptian slave girl to Abraham and Sarah

Had his child Ishmael

Sent into the desert to die by Abraham

Cared for her child and cried out to God



Ruth

Moabite became the great grandma of King David, and so of Jesus

Married the son of Naomi who was from Bethlehem travelling in Moab
Naomi & Ruth's husband die

She returns to Bethlehem with her mother in law and looks after her, working in the fields

Boaz is impressed by her concern for her family



Esther

Queen Esther showed bravery and courage when she risked her life to save the lives of her people who were in exile in Persia.



Virgin Mary

She was told she would have a child out of marriage

She must have been terrified

Mary, surrendered her life and her reputation to the purposes of God.

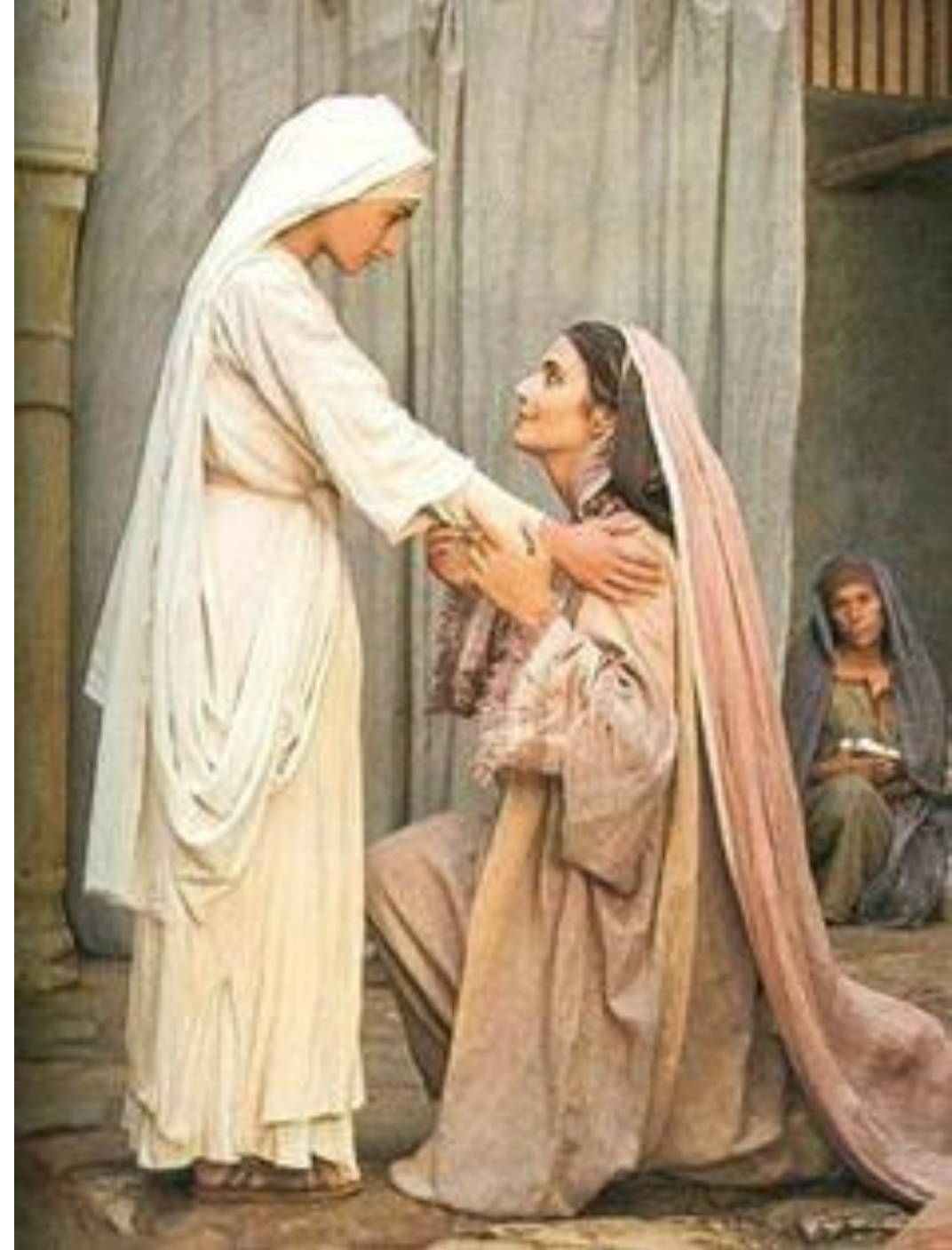


Elizabeth Mother of John the Baptist

Wife of Zechariah a priest in
Jerusalem

She believed God's promise of
a son, her husband did not
and was struck dumb

She welcomed Mary when
others gossiped



Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene was healed by Jesus from seven demons

She followed Jesus from Galilee ministering to him

She stood by Jesus at the crucifixion

She went to the garden to find the body of Jesus when it was dark to anoint his body

She was one of the first to announce the risen Christ even though women were not allowed to be witnesses.



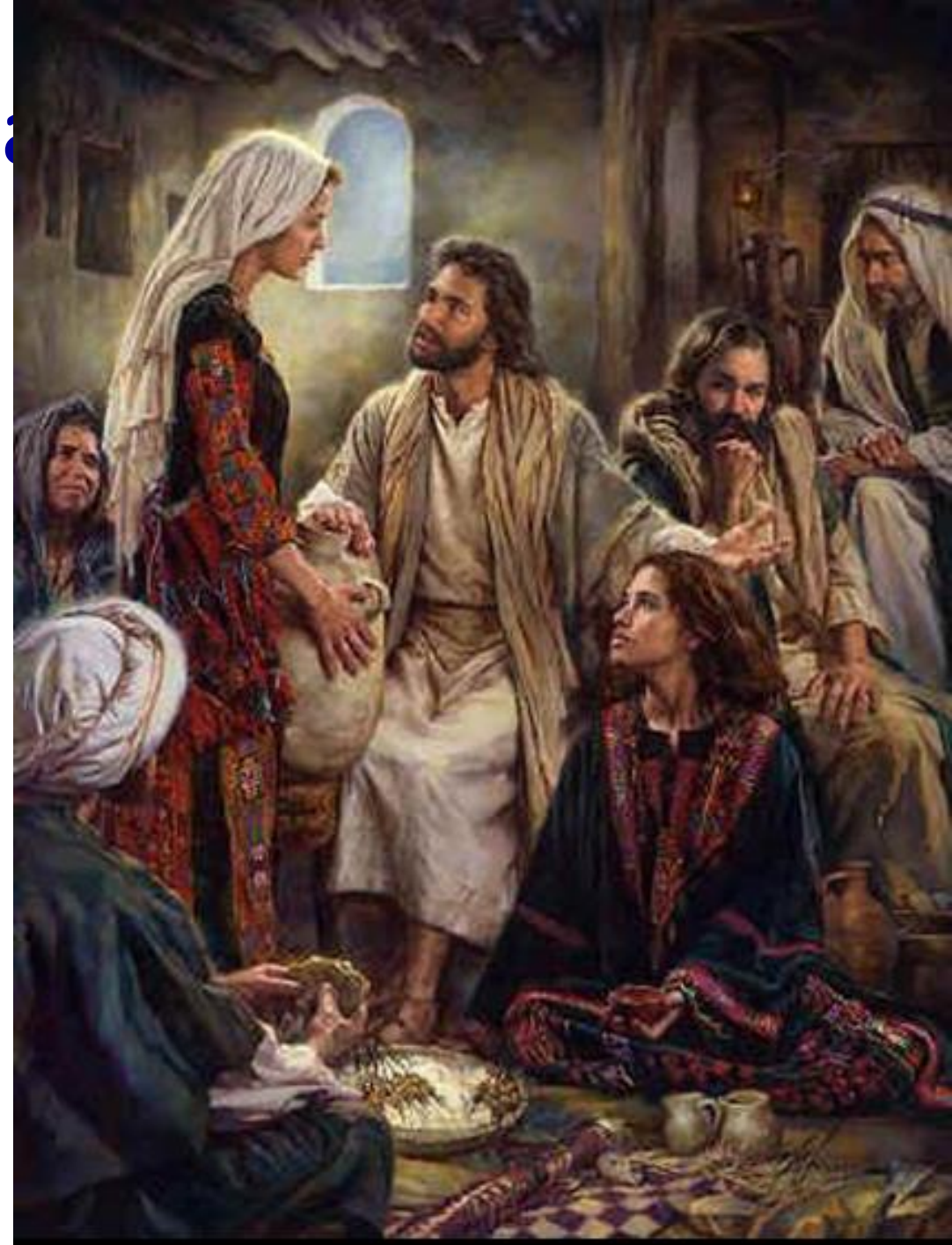
Mary of Bethany and Martha

Martha welcomed Jesus into her house in Bethany and looked after him

Jesus loved them and their brother Lazarus

Mary her sister sat at Jesus feet

Mary anointed Jesus with a pound of ointment and wiped his feet with her hair



Priscilla

Priscilla had been forced with all Jews to leave Rome by Claudius

She was a tentmaker

Priscilla ministered the gospel together with her husband Aquila.

'I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchreae,² that you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well. Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well. Greet also the church in their house.

Hannah

- Hannah's fervent prayer and vow teaches us that consistent faithfulness and persistent prayer get God's attention. She believed God for a son and He multiplied her faith by giving her many children.
- Her Son was Samuel who became a prophet, priest and judge

Jehosheba

Jehosheba, daughter of King Joram gripped by the power of motherly instinct, fled danger in order to protect her son from death and helped to preserve the future of Israel.

Miriam

Moses' sister Miriam displays remarkable intelligence and confidence. She not only helped to save her brother's life but also helped set Israel's deliverance in motion.

- Lois and Eunice
- Raised Timothy who would be a disciple of Paul and lead the church at Ephesus

Dorcas, Anna, Abigail,