

Lesson 6**Son of His Foremothers: Jesus****REFLECTION GUIDE****Welcome**

As you watch the lesson, take notes on key themes, ideas, and questions that stand out to you. Pause the video when needed to reflect, jot down insights, or revisit an important section. Stay attentive to how the content connects with both your personal faith journey and issues that matter to your community.

Questions

- Only in Matthew's gospel do we find a mention of the women who followed Jesus sitting across from his tomb as he was buried (Matt 27:57-61).
 - Since Matthew is one of the two gospels with an Advent/birth narrative, how is this scene at the tomb another type of Advent?
 - How might people of faith demonstrate both types of waiting?
- Read Luke 2:41-52. Here, we learn that Jesus, while still a young boy, stays behind in the temple to converse with teachers.
 - What sort of emotions do you think Mary and Joseph experienced in this story?
 - What picture do we get of Jesus' relationship to Mary?
- Read Luke 8:1-3. Both Mark and Matthew mention women providing for Jesus's needs, but that doesn't happen until the crucifixion. Notice that Luke moves it and places the story of the female disciples right before the Parable of the Sower (Luke 8:4ff).
 - How do you interpret the presence of the women in chapter 8?
 - What comment might the following parable be making about the women?
- The Christ hymn in Philippians 2:5-11 states that Jesus did not exploit (make use of) his divine status and its privileges.
 - What privileges or rights do you have that if you limited or didn't make use of could allow other people to flourish?
 - How might the Christian community doing this "reveal the children of God?"