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What did Mary really know?

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Quiz 7 – Evangelical and Catholic Beliefs Contrasted

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1 How often has the traditional and orthodox view of Mary's virgin conception of Jesus been challenged?

Choose one answer.

- a. This Christian concept is frequently challenged by other beliefs.
- b. This issue has divided Catholic and Protestant believers into heated debates
- c. There has never been debate concerning the virgin birth of Jesus Christ
- d. It has actually not been contested that often

2 Belief in the virginity of Mary confirms that the LORD God is the Father of Christ within her womb.

Answer:

- True False

3 The Catholic concept of "Mother of God" as a title for Mary is shared by Protestants.

Answer:

- True False

4 Why is it essential that Protestants fully acknowledge that Mary faithfully contained the Son of God within her womb for a time.

Choose one answer.

- a. To show a united front with Roman Catholic believers
- b. None of the above
- c. To counter the heresy of To counter Nestorius and others who attempt to divide

the human and divine natures of Christ

- d. It is not a critical matter of faith to believe the concept of Mary as containing God in her womb for a time

5 Both Catholics and Protestants agree that Mary is blessed by God, and in turn, blessed among women, to be chosen as His faithful handmaiden, and bear the Son of God.

Answer:

- True False

6 Devotion to Mary that replaces some of the worship of the Lord is a Protestant Practice gone awry.

Answer:

- True False

7 What is the doctrine of "Perpetual Virginity"?

Choose one answer.

- a. It is the belief that Mary was a virgin before conception with Christ
- b. It is the belief that Jesus maintained virginity throughout His life
- c. It is the belief that Mary remained a virgin forever.
- d. It is the doctrine that requires priests to remain celibate

8 How is perpetual virginity of Mary disputed by Scripture?

Choose one answer.

- a. There is no dispute; perpetual virginity doctrine cannot be found to be against Scripture.
- b. The existence of the four brothers of Christ, James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas (Matthew 13:55-56), and sisters originating from the union of Mary and Joseph
- c. None of the above
- d. While not disputed, there is also some proof that this condition exists through Mary's lifetime

9 What is the term Immaculate Conception that is used to describe a doctrine held by Catholics?

Choose one answer.

- a. It describes the sinless creation of Jesus Christ in the womb of His mother by the Holy Ghost
- b. It says that Mary was born without original sin
- c. It says that Mary was also miraculously conceived through her mother and the Holy Ghost
- d. All of the above

10 What does the Roman Catholic Church cite in Scripture to support their views concerning the Immaculate Conception of Mary?

Choose one answer.

- a. Luke 1:28
- b. There are no Scripture references that support the idea of Immaculate Conception
- c. Isaiah 7:14
- d. None of the above

11 Many, many Christians confuse the term "Immaculate Conception" by thinking that it means the miraculous conception of Jesus Christ to his mother Mary.

Answer:

- True False

12 Why is the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary an unbiblical notion and unnecessary false teaching? (Many answers possible)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. When God overshadowed Mary, the Holy Ghost placed her in a most holy state
- b. God did not have to make Mary exempt from original sin from her conception, since He is capable of cleansing a sinner
- c. None of the above
- d. God overshadows Mary with the Holy Ghost which sanctifies her

13 What is the doctrine of Bodily Assumption?

Choose one answer.

- a. The belief that Jesus Christ Resurrected into Heaven upon His death on the cross
- b. The belief that all Christians will go directly to Heaven without experiencing physical death
- c. The belief that Mary was assumed in Heaven without dying first
- d. All of the above

14 What other doctrinal belief must be present for Bodily Assumption to be possible?

Choose one answer.

- a. The doctrine of Baptism
- b. The doctrine of Saints
- c. The doctrine of Immaculate Conception.
- d. The doctrine of Salvation

15 Who established the doctrine of Bodily Assumption?

Choose one answer.

- a. Early Church Fathers
- b. The teachings of Paul
- c. Pope Pius XII
- d. Pope John I

16 Catholics believe that Mary has an intercessory role in salvation.

Answer:

- True False

17 The role of Mary using her special powers of invocation, intercession and mediation to influence her Son's judgment is a biblical representation of salvation through Him.

Answer:

True False

18 What doctrines attempt to establish Mary as a co-god with her Son? (Might be multiple answers)

Choose at least one answer.

- a. Bodily Assumption
- b. Immaculate Conception
- c. Perpetual Virginity
- d. Adoration and Veneration Practices
- e. Invocation Role

19 The Bible does not say whether departed believers in the Lord can hear or answer words prayed to them.

Answer:

True False

20 What do those of Protestant faith hold concerning the sufficiency of Christ and the role that Mary plays in the process of salvation?

Choose one answer.

- a. Protestants believe that the cross finishes the work of Christ
- b. Protestants do not pray to Mary, saints, or those that have died
- c. Protestants purposely avoid offering devotion, adoration, veneration and prayers to Mary
- d. All of the above