



“**Igniting Hearts** — **Quenching Thirsty Souls**”



In Cinema

“Mary”



“Mary,” on Netflix, is the story of Mary, the mother of Jesus, from before she was born until she and Joseph take Jesus into the temple for dedication. The movie stars Noa Cohen as Mary, Anthony Hopkins as King Herod, Ido Tako as Joseph, and Dudley O’Shaughnessy as the angel Gabriel. The movie is produced by Mary Aloe and directed by D.J. Caruso. Filming was done on location in Morocco.

Very little is said of Mary in the Bible but this movie does an excellent job of portraying the mother of Jesus in a biblical fashion. Her life story, at least to this viewer, seems to mimic the childhood life of the Old Testament prophet Samuel. The movie was tastefully executed incorporating what little there is known of Mary in the Scriptures of Matthew and Luke, the Proto Gospel of James, and the known Jewish culture at the time.



Sha’alu Shalom Yerushalayim

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)



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