

When Mary the Mother of Jesus came to the end of her life what did Jesus do?

Remember that the angel Gabriel came to this simple peasant woman Mary and announced to her that she was to become the mother of God's own Son. When she said yes to the angel, "Let it be done to me according to your word.", the son of God took flesh from Mary and lived in her womb for 9 months. Jesus took flesh from this humble virgin.

So what did Jesus do when she came to the end of her life on earth? He must have rushed to her and given her a share in His resurrection, His glorified Body. Jesus would not permit the flesh of the woman who gave Him flesh to suffer decay. At the end of her life on earth she is taken body and soul into heaven. Today we celebrate this miracle as we celebrate Mary's Assumption, body and soul, into the presence of the Blessed Trinity.

There was a Protestant man on the retreat I made last month. During the retreat we prayed over several passages of the Gospels. Some of the passages included readings about Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Near the end of the retreat he confessed that he was beginning to fall in love with Mary.

During recent times there has been much mention of the role of women in society. We have been shocked and disturbed by recent occurrences. But we have a lovely gift in Mary the Mother of Jesus. She is a true expression of the dignity of women. Nothing can compare to her beauty and strength, she whose assumption we celebrate today.

We men could express in some way today, in honor of Mary's Assumption a sign, a symbol of love and reverence for a woman in our lives. It could be your wife and/or your daughter or a woman religious. It could be a flower or a card or something else.

You are totally beautiful Mary, the Mother of Jesus, assumed Body and Soul to be with your Son, Jesus.