

**WALMSLEY BIBLE STUDY – WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**

Session 1 Monday 13 April 2026 @ 7.30pm

Session 2 Monday 11 May 2026 @ 7.30pm

Session 3 Monday 8 June 2026 @ 7.30pm

Session 4 Monday 13 July 2026 @ 7.30pm

**SESSION 4**PREFACE : TAMAR : *Gen. Ch 38*RAHAB : *Josh. 2:1-21*

DEBORAH (&amp; JAEL) : Judges 4 &amp; 5

THE SIX MARYS

WOMEN CONVERTS OF NOTE

**SESSION 2: WOMEN CONVERTS OF NOTE**

Aside of the Six Marys already discussed, most if not all, probably members of Jesus's family in some way, there are many others during and after Jesus's life on Earth who appear to be of important standing, such as;

**JOANNA** ('Jahweh has been gracious') the **Wife of KUZA** the Chief Steward of Herod Antipas. Lk 8:2-3; Lk 24:10 (see also **Romans 16:7**) **Joanna** is a Hellenised name; she must have come from a wealthy family who married her off to one of the retinue of Herod's first Wife, Phasaelis, Daughter of Aretas IV of Nabataea (Kuza was a common name in Nabataea). She was healed by Jesus, and followed Him, giving of her wealth. She was another 'Myrrh-bearer' along with Mary of Magdala, Mary Clopas, Mary Salome & Susanna. A recent discovery of an ossuary in Jerusalem finds a 'Joanna' mentioned as granddau of 'Theophilus' the High Priest. **Q** Was Joanna was important to Jesus? Why?

**SUSANNA** (Shushanna – 'Lily') Lk 8:1-3

**Q.** Who was this woman? She is only mentioned once, and yet quite specifically. Why do you think this was?

**SAPPHIRA** Wife of Ananias Acts 5:1-11

**Q.** This tragic little story has several warnings. What do you think they are, and what do they involve?

**LYDIA** of Thyatira Acts 16:11-15

**Q.** What is 'Purple'? What does it infer about Lydia? What does this little story say about Christian outlook?

**PRICILLA (PRISCA)** Wife of Aquila of Rome Acts 18:1-4, 18-19; Rom 16:3; 1 Cor 16:19 | 2 Tim 4:19

**Q.** They are always mentioned together, and were mentors of the brilliant **Apollos**. What examples do they set for us?

**PHOEBE, MARY, JUNIAS** ('my relative'), **TRYPHENA & TRYPHOSA, Mother of RUFUS, JULIA,** Rom 16:3-16

**Q.** This very tender and remarkable salutation by Paul involves so many women. What does that say of them, and what does it say of Paul?

**CLAUDIA**, British Wife of Pudens (acc to Roman Poet Martial) 2 Tim 4:21

**Q.** It is of very early Roman tradition that Claudia (named after Emperor Claudius) was a redhead Briton, believed by some to be a daughter of Caractacus (who had become a celebrity!), married to the important Senator Pudens who became a Christian and was martyred under Nero's reign. The Linus mentioned with them is traditionally recognised as the Bishop of Rome following Peter. Why was she mentioned at all, do you think?

**LOIS & EUNICE**, Grandmother & Mother of Timothy 2 Tim 1:15

**Q.** What does this tell us about the trail of faith?

**EUODIA & SYNTYCHE**, the warring women Phil 4:2-3

**Q.** What does this teach us about arguments in the Church? How does this affect standing?

**SUMMARY: Q.** Women have played a very visible and prominent role throughout the Bible, although it is the men who seem to take the lead in almost every instance. What are we to take from our studies in relation to Roles and Leadership?