

### ***Transparent Lives***

One indisputable fact about Mary is that you can't look at her without seeing Jesus. No place in Scripture does Mary draw attention to herself; she always points the way to her son. It's as if her life were a transparent veil through which we're compelled to see Jesus and his message of love, forgiveness, and salvation.

In her transparency, Mary gives us a clear example of how we should live our own lives. From the Annunciation to the foot of the cross, Mary is always showing us Christ. Like Mary, we're each called to live in such a way that Christ is visible through all our actions.

There's a great irony in living that kind of a transparent life: the more we reveal Christ, the more we become unique individuals. Mary isn't lost or overshadowed by her revelation of her son. On the contrary, she's glorified by it. In the same way, the more we strive to bring the message of Christ to the world, the more we become unique individuals. Mary isn't lost or overshadowed by her revelation of her son. On the contrary, she's glorified by it. In the same way, the more we strive to bring the message of Christ to the world, the more we become the unique individuals we were created to be.

It's another example of the great mystery of the universe. To find life, you must lose it; to be seen, you must become transparent.

*Is my life transparent? Can people see through me to Jesus?  
In what ways can I make Jesus come alive in my life today?*

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I LIVE CANDIDLY, OPENLY, AND TRANSPARENTLY.