

**A Biblical Study of
The Catechism
of the Catholic Church:
Bible Answers to the Most
Frequently Asked Questions
about Catholic Beliefs and Practices**

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IS IT TRUE
THAT MARY
NEVER DIED?

“the Immaculate Virgin...
was taken up body and
soul into heavenly glory,
and exalted by the Lord
as Queen over all
things.” (CCC 966)

“she shares in the glory of
her Son’s Resurrection,
anticipating the
resurrection of all
members of his
Body” (CCC 974)

“But while in the most Blessed Virgin the Church has already reached that perfection whereby she exists without spot or wrinkle, the faithful still strive to conquer sin and increase in holiness. And so they turn their eyes to Mary: in her, the Church is already ‘all-holy’” (CCC 829)

Where does the
Bible reference
Mary as a Queen?

Who are the only
three people that the
Bible references as
going directly to
Heaven without
dying?

Acts 2:32–36 “This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. [33] Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. [34] For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at my right hand, [35] until I make your enemies your footstool.’ [36] Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” (ESV)

2 Kings 2:10–12 “And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” [11] And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. [12] And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.” (ESV)

Genesis 5:23–24 “Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. [24] Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.” (ESV)

Hebrews 11:5 “By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.” (ESV)

Why is there such clear
evidence and observation
about their ascensions?
Why would the Bible not
reference Mary as ascending
directly to Heaven also?
Who observed it happening?
Where is it described?

When was this idea
added to church
Tradition? Why did not
the apostles or early
church fathers speak of
this happening with
Mary?

If such a significant claim is made by the Catholic Church, without biblical or early church evidence, is the Catholic Church trustworthy on other issues?

Proverbs 30:6 "Do not add to his words, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar." (ESV)

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