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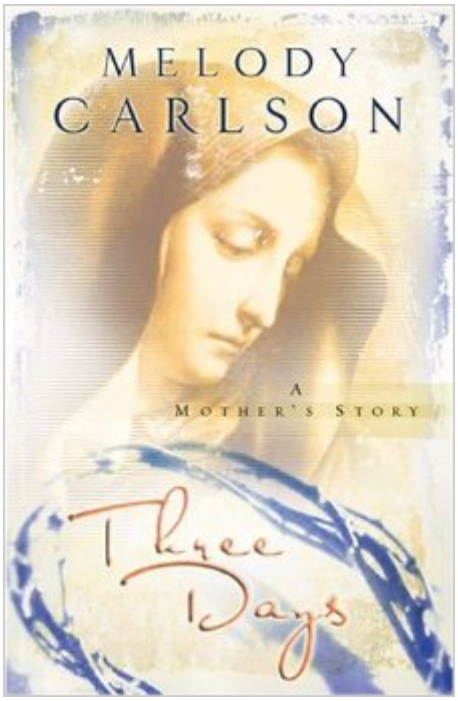

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Synopsis

Being a mom is tough enough - but raising God’s own Son? This novella imagines Mary’s rich, complex experiences as Jesus’ mother. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Who was Mary? How did a hard-working young peasant girl feel about becoming the mother of God, and later, seeing her firstborn crucified? Prolific author Melody Carlson (ANGELS IN THE SNOW, THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS PRESENT) pens a first-person account of Mary’s life, framed around the events of his death and crucifixion.Functioning as a broad-brush narration of the well-known story, Carlson uses flashbacks to retell the events of Jesus’ life from his conception to his ascension. She starts slowly, gaining strength as the story unfolds. Although the retellings will be comfortingly familiar to many Christian readers, Carlson’s real strength comes when she stretches to imagine what Jesus’ relationships were like. She does a good job describing the myriad feelings Mary experiences as her relationship with Jesus transforms from mother/son to mother/Lord.The transition is portrayed as initially painful. As Mary watches Jesus turn the water to wine in the miracle of Cana, she reflects:"Was I amazed by the incredible miracle my son had performed? Well, of course; who would not be? But the main thing that kept me awake that night was the stinging memory of the way Jesus had looked at me, the way he had called me ’woman’ instead of ’Mother.’

Almost as if he were dismissing me altogether, as if I was no longer his mother and someone worthy of respect and honor. And that is when I knew --- I knew to the depths of my soul --- something between us had changed. Something was separating us, like an invisible wedge that would go deeper and deeper, slowly driving us apart. And I believe that wedge was the Lord God Almighty. I was not sure why he would do this to me.

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