



## Where Did Mother's Day Come From? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

### **QUESTION: Where did 'Mother's Day' come from?**

**REPLY: The first mention of "mother" is when God established the law of marriage:** "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (**Genesis 2:24**). After leaving the Garden of Eden with sin, "Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living" (**Genesis 3:20**). It is right and good to honor our Mothers, but never forget, they did not do this alone!

According to the Bible, God's Law has always honored and included Mothers.

### **LAW THROUGH MOSES:**

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. (**Exodus 20:12**)

And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. (**Exodus 21:15**)

And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death (**Exodus 21:17**)

The nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother you shall not uncover. She is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness. (**Leviticus 18:7**)

Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. (**Leviticus 19:3**)

### **WISDOM THROUGH SOLOMON:**

My son, keep your father's command, And do not forsake the law of your mother. (**Proverbs 6:20**)

A wise son makes a father glad, But a foolish man despises his mother. (**Proverbs 15:20**)

Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness. (**Proverbs 20:20**)

## **SANCTIFICATION THROUGH JESUS:**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. (**Matthew 1:18**)

## **SPIRITUAL CONNECTION IS GREATER:**

"He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me." - Jesus (**Matthew 10:37**)

But [Jesus] answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother." (**Matthew 12:48-50**)

## **FAITHFUL MOTHERS:**

And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons. (**Matthew 27:55- 56**)

## **JESUS HONORED MARY:**

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, 'Woman, behold your son!' Then He said to the disciple, 'Behold your mother!' And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home. (**John 19:25-27**)

## **THIS INFLUENCED EVEN IDOLATORS:**

Greeks honored Rhea, wife of Cronus and mother of the gods and goddesses of Greek mythology. Ancient Romans had a spring festival dedicated to Cybele, also a mother goddess. Called Hilaria, this celebration lasted for three days and included parades, games and masquerades. (<https://people.howstuffworks.com/culture-traditions/holidays-other/question634.htm>)

## **IN AMERICA:**

Anna Jarvis held a ceremony in 1907 in Grafton, West Virginia, to honor her mother, who had died two years earlier...Unfortunately, Jarvis became bitter over the commercialization of the holiday. She filed a lawsuit to stop a 1923 Mother's Day event and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a mother's convention where white carnations were being sold. Jarvis never married and never had children. She died in 1948. (<https://people.howstuffworks.com/culture-traditions/holidays-other/question634.htm>)

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