

2004-2005 HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

What She Said

Quotable Women in Scripture



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Where will we find it? <i>Genesis 16, 18, 21:1-21</i>	
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Who first heard what she said? Abraham and a messenger from God	
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What is our key idea? Prophetic poetry and storytelling begun by women long ago continues with women today.	
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What is our key idea? Family and community are built on <i>hesed</i> .	
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What will we hear? Prophecy

Who first heard what she said? The king's advisers

What is our key idea? A woman's validation of scripture leads to national religious reform.

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Who will be speaking? Elizabeth and Mary

Where will we find it? *Luke 1*

What will we hear? Blessings

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What is our key idea? God's Spirit blesses women of faith.

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Where will we find it? *Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-12:1-8*

What will we hear? Confession of faith

Who first heard what she said? Jesus

What is our key idea? Discipleship is demonstrated in speech and in service.

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What will we hear? Testimony

Who first heard what she said? Jesus, angels, and Jesus' disciples

What is our key idea? ***What She Said*** was the first proclamation of Easter.

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Who will be speaking? Lydia and the slave girl of Philippi

Where will we find it? *Acts 16:1-24*

What will we hear? Invitation, fortune-telling, then silence

Who first heard what she said? Paul, Silas, Luke, and Timothy

What is our key idea? As the mission of spreading the good news moved forward into Greece and Rome, women were portrayed as silent servants, but their ministries continued.