

## **The Epistle of Ignatius to the Virgin Mary**

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**Her friend<sup>911</sup> Ignatius to the Christ-bearing Mary.**

Thou oughtest to have comforted and consoled me who am a neophyte, and a disciple of thy [beloved] John. For I have heard things wonderful to tell respecting thy [son] Jesus, and I am astonished by such a report. But I desire with my whole heart to obtain information concerning the things which I have heard from thee, who wast always intimate and allied with Him, and who wast acquainted with [all] His secrets. I have also written to thee at another time, and have asked thee concerning the same things. Fare thou well; and let the neophytes who are with me be comforted of thee, and by thee, and in thee. Amen.

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911 Literally, "his own." [Mary is here called χριστοτόκος, and not θεοτόκος, which suggests a Nestorian forgery.]