

## True Mother's Hungnam Prison

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How do we describe True Mother's suffering? Begin with the position of John the Baptist.

When Jesus ascended to the position of spiritual Messiah, he received the Holy Spirit as his Bride and his John the Baptist. When True Father ascended the position of substantial Messiah, he received True Mother as his Bride and his John the Baptist.

The Holy Spirit assumed dual positions. As the Bride she is our Mother. As John the Baptist, she testifies to Jesus. True Mother assumed the same dual positions. As the Bride, she is our Mother. True Father declared, "You are the sons and daughters of True Mother, the woman who represents the world." As John the Baptist, she declared True Father's messiahship as he could not. To members of the US Congress, July 28, 1993, she stated, "my husband and I [are] able to declare the advent of the Completed Testament Age as the first True Parents."

The Spirit completed Israel as the biblical bride -- and submitted to Jesus. True Mother completed Christianity as the bride religion -- and submitted to True Father. With absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience, they shared the Bridegroom's torment and agony through the deepest love.

True Father put this into words:

*"Mother's role is to bear the suffering endured by all the women of the world, past and present. In the position of Adam, I should be able to embrace and melt all the grievances and heartbreak of women throughout the world. In turn, Mother has to digest and melt all the incredible inner torments of Adam. So the first cross that Mother bears is to digest and embrace my suffering, which is that of Adam and all the men of the world. Her third cross is to digest with love the suffering of all the world's children. Her role is to digest with love."*

True Mother digested and melted True Father's incredible inner torments. Day and night, without respite, for decades on end, she digested and embraced the suffering of all men -- the role of the Baptist -- the suffering of all children -- the role of the Mother, and her husband's suffering -- the role of the Bride. This was her cross; this was her Hungnam.

*(Citations: John 16:12-15, Rom 8:16, 26, Heb 10:15, 1 John 5:6; John 3:5, Exposition of Divine Principle pp 280-87, 170-2; Chambumo Gyeong 1:1-2-48 [1992.7.30]; Pyeong Hwa Gyeong p 1479; The Heart of a True Mother -- I do not have a hard copy, but this quote appears very near the end of the book.)*