



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **Judges 4:4–10, 14, 21–22** **Read and Listen to “[Mary Faces the Outlaws](#)”** **[Cowboy Tales From Roaring Rapids Ranch](#)**

#### **Class Starter or Closer Discussion Questions**

#### **1. What made Deborah such a remarkable leader in Israel (Judges 4:4–5)?**

How did her faithfulness in speaking for the LORD guide the people during a difficult time?

How can we seek and listen to wise godly counsel today when we have God’s Word available to us to help us?

#### **2. Why did Barak hesitate and place a condition on his obedience (Judges 4:8)?**

In what ways are we sometimes tempted to say to Jesus, “I will obey You if...” instead of trusting Him fully?

#### **3. Deborah told Barak that the honor would go to a woman because of his hesitation and the condition he set (Judges 4:9).**

What does this teach us about missed opportunities when we delay or set conditions in our obedience to God?

#### **4. God used Jael, an unexpected person, to accomplish His victory (Judges 4:21–22).**

What does this show us about how God can work through anyone who is willing to act?

How does Mary’s courage in “Mary Faces the Outlaws” reflect a similar willingness to stand and act rightly when needed?

## **5. Mary said, “A body ought to do what’s right”**

How does this statement reflect the kind of obedience that honors Jesus?

What are some practical ways we can obey Christ faithfully, without fear, without conditions, and give Him all the honor when challenged, as Mary was, when preparing to face possible dangers?