



# WALKING *with* MARY: A Scripture Study with WINE

— An 8-week intimate journey with Mary, our Mother —

## Lesson 3

## Walking with Mary “A Ruler from Bethlehem”

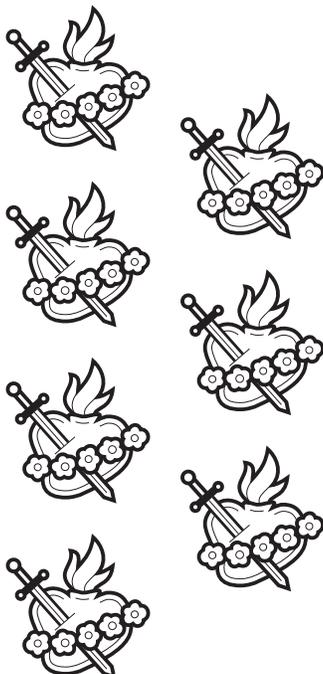
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**Micah 5:1-4**

### Daily Lectio Divina

Walk with Mary by spending each day prayerfully praying **Micah 5:1-4**. Be sure to capture your thoughts, prayers, and insights in your *Called by Name* WINE Journal. Check your heart each day as you pray by coloring in one of the Immaculate Hearts below.



When I think about these beautiful and prophetic verses in the Old Testament Book of Micah, prophesying about Jesus coming into the world to redeem the world, it reminds me of so many verses that illustrate just how God works. In Isaiah 55:9, for example, we see our Lord telling, “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

God indeed works mysteriously, divinely, and never the way we would expect or think; ways we would at first glance, assume would make more sense. In the case of the Prophet Micah’s reference to Bethlehem, for example, Bethlehem was an extremely small village of little significance. Why in the world would the Great “I AM”, the King of Kings”, come from such a place? But as we see so often, God uses the least of these; whether it’s among the smallest towns that garnered little or no attention at all two thousand plus years ago, or a band of rough and tumble fisherman to start His Church, God is God and we are not.

In meditating upon this verse and any other verse in the Bible, we need to take a closer look at why the Lord may have acted the way He did. Just learning what the name Bethlehem means, should take our breath away and help us realize that while in the eyes of the world, great royal rulers should and often do come from lofty high places, our God didn’t stay in the highest of places, as in heaven. He gave it all up and came down not only to live among us and share in the human experience, but to continually feed us with His body and blood. No wonder, our sweet Jesus, had no problem at all joining humanity from the, quite frankly, minuscule town of Bethlehem, which at the time of Jesus’ birth, had barely a few hundred residents. Bethlehem, in Hebrew, means “house of bread.”

This probably isn’t the first time you’ve heard the meaning of name Bethlehem. But have you really thought and prayed about the significance of the Alpha and the Omega lowering Himself to become food for our life journey? He was born in the House of Bread because He wants us to know He truly is the Bread of Life. Yes, God’s ways are high above our ways, but what a God we serve, who truly serves us in the most personal and humblest of ways. Chew on that for a while.

