



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

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

## Lesson 5

## Walking with Mary “The Marriage at Cana”

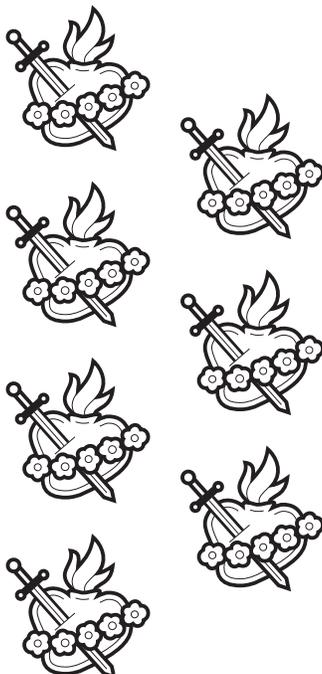
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John 2: 1-12

### Daily Lectio Divina

Walk with Mary by spending each day prayerfully praying **John 2: 1-12**. 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.



The "disciple Jesus loves" has a masterful way of conveying two meanings in a message—one which appears on the surface and one hidden deep beneath. With the opening words, "In the beginning," the Gospel of John establishes a parallel with the book of Genesis, encompassing Creation, the Fall, and Redemption, and nestled in all three, is the "woman."

On the surface, the setting (a marriage in Cana), guests (the mother of Jesus, Jesus, and his disciples), problem (the wine failed), and solution (an intercession and a miracle) all reveal a powerful graspable lesson. Yet, beneath the surface, layers of symbolism run deep. Through it all, through every hidden treasure, one thing is evident: the Messiah's mission is linked to the figure of the woman, Mary.

As he shares the guest list of VIPs, John makes a point first to let the reader know "the mother of Jesus was there" and follows with, "Jesus also was invited." It appears the connection with Mary opens the invitation to this joyful celebration to others. When a serious breach in the marriage etiquette occurs, the wine runs out; Mary, the woman (naturally orientation towards persons), recognizes the need, realizes the possible ensuing embarrassment, and responds with her heart. In the act of perfect trust and pure humility, she brings the crisis to the attention of her Son.

On the surface, Jesus' mysterious reply, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come," could appear disrespectful, but it isn't. Jesus would not disrespect his mother, and Mary certainly did not take it that way; for, her response wasn't, "Why would you say such a thing to your mother?" Instead, she turned to the servants and said, "Do whatever he tells you."

Stop for a moment. Imagine that gaze between mother and Son the second after he spoke those words to her. Mary knew her Son like no other. And like no other, she knew all things are possible with God. Though she did not know what Jesus would do, she knew he would take care of it. There must have been a twinkle in that mother-Son gaze, followed by two radiant smiles upon hearing the steward of the feast proclaim, "but you have kept the good wine until now."

The intercession of the woman, Mary, the new Eve, leads to Jesus' first miracle and launches him into his ministry on the road that will lead to the coming of his "hour" and our redemption.

