

The Promise

The Woman of the Promise

Mary is the woman of the Promise because she is the New Eve. God continues to fight the enemies of those whom He loves through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of His Son.

Even though her “yes” cost her her life and the life of her Son, Mary continues to say “yes” to the Father when His children need God’s grace.

Discussion Questions

1. Reminder question: What is the dogma of the Immaculate Conception? Why might the dogma of the Immaculate conception be important for Christians?
2. Does the truth that Mary had no sin (because of the grace given by Her Son) affect your perception of her? How so? Does she become less “relatable”? Or does she become more clearly able to love her children? Discuss.
3. Mary not only participated in Christ’s saving work through her “yes” at the Annunciation, but also her “yes” at Cana. Jesus is her God, but also her Son. She allowed Him to begin His “hour” of suffering and redemption. Discuss the profound love Mary must also have for you if she was willing to encourage Jesus to begin His “hour”.
4. Discuss the difference between “necessary” and “fitting”. More to the point, it is not “necessary” that Mary is conceived without sin (God can save us however He wants), but it is “fitting” that Mary is without sin. Why might this be?
5. Through Mary’s intercession, millions upon millions of people have come to her Son, Jesus. Why do you think that some people are still hesitant to allow her to have the role the Father has given her (the one who crushes the serpent’s head)?

God in Real Life

1. Turn to Mary when the obstacles you are facing seem insurmountable. She and Her Son are the “Redemption Team”.

To the Heart

“When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” [And] Jesus said to her, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.”” (John 2:3-5)