**Praying with the Women of the New Testament**

**Session 2 Handout**

**Opening Prayer**: “**Our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord, and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior. Lord Jesus, teach us to pray. Mother Mary, pray for us.”**

**QUOTE #1 Lk 2:46-51 46**After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions; **47**and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. **48**And when they saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.” **49**And he said to them, “How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+2%3A46-51&version=RSVCE#fen-RSVCE-29189a)] **50**And they did not understand the saying which he spoke to them. **51**And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.

**QUOTE #2**: “[we detect] here a silent reference to the three days between Cross and Resurrection. These are days spent suffering the absence of Jesus, days of darkness, whose heaviness can be sensed in the mother’s words … Thus, as arc extends from this first Passover of Jesus to His last, the Passover of the Cross. Jesus’ divine mission bursts through the boundaries of all human criteria and repeatedly becomes, in human terms, a dark mystery. Something of the sword of sorrow of which Simeon had spoken becomes palpable for Mary at this hour. *The closer one comes to Jesus, the more one is drawn into the mystery of his Passion.”* (Pope emeritus Benedict XVI, *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*, emphasis added)

**QUOTE #3 Jn 2:1-12** “On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; **2**Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. **3**When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” **4**And Jesus said to her, “O woman, what have you to do with me?[ My hour has not yet come.” **5**His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” **6**Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7**Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. **8**He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast.” So they took it. **9**When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom **10**and said to him, “Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now.” **11**This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.”

**12**After this he went down to Caper′na-um, with his mother and his brethrenand his disciples; and there they stayed for a few days.

**Closing Prayer: “Father, Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light on our path. May it be done to us according to Your word.”**