

# \* Prayers Anchored in the Gospel of John

John 2:1-11 Day 4

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Saviour of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## \*The Collect

Collecting your thoughts so you can focus  
on God.

## John 1:38-52 NIV

<sup>38</sup> Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?”

They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

<sup>39</sup> “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

<sup>40</sup> Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. <sup>41</sup> The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”

<sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”

 **Scripture**

The Gospel passages about our Lady show her as the Mother of Jesus, following her Son step by step, playing a part in his redemptive mission, rejoicing and suffering with him, loving those whom Jesus loves, looking after all those around her with maternal care.

Just think, for example, of the marriage at Cana. Our Lady was a guest at one of those noisy country weddings attended by crowds of people from many different villages. But she was the only one who noticed the wine was running out. Don't these scenes from Christ's life seem familiar to us? The greatness of God lives at the level of ordinary things. It is natural for a woman, a housewife, to notice something was lacking, to look after the little things which make life pleasant. And that is how Mary acted.

Notice also that it is John who tells the story of Cana. He is the only evangelist who has recorded this example of our mother's concern for us. St John wants us to remember that Mary was present at the beginning of the public life of our Lord. He alone has appreciated the importance of that fact. Jesus knew to whom he was entrusting his Mother — to a disciple who had learned to understand and love her as his own mother.

*from St. Josemaria, "Christ is Passing By," no. 141. He is the founder of Opus Dei, an organization that believes that everyone is called to a life of holiness.*

 **Meditation**

Mary brought things to Jesus' attention without trying to control or manipulate Him. We also have the joy of prayer, where we can bring things to the attention of Jesus and still let him decide if it is His hour to act or whether glory will come to the Father if our action is to wait as in the story of Lazarus' illness, which ended in his death. We can bring everything to God in prayer... which is what the Wednesday is all about. Talk over the things Jesus has been revealing to you this week and get further direction. Len Thompson

 **Meditation**

## Questions

1. What are you noticing around you that needs attention?
2. Have you taken it to Jesus to learn what He wants?
3. Can you accept His answer?

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 **Meditation**

Dear Jesus,

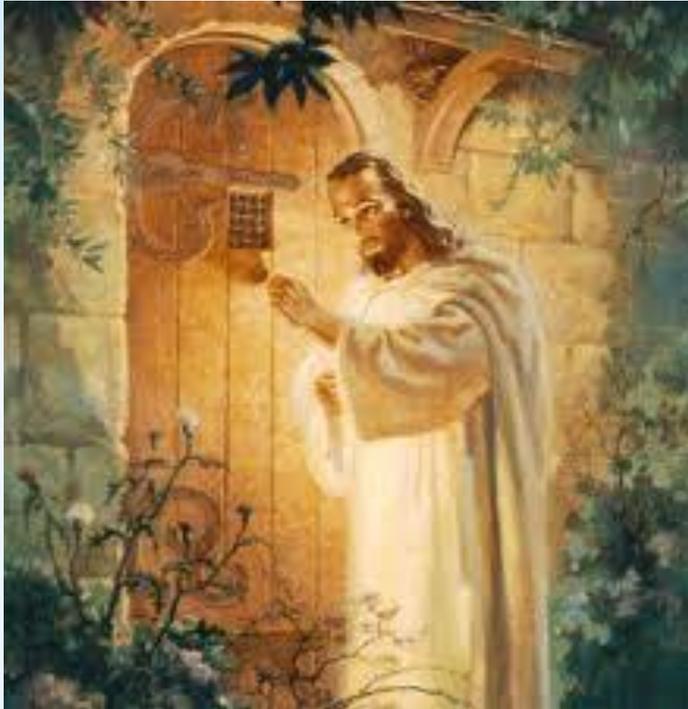
I see many things that could be changed and made better but not everything is to be done right now. I know that you have “an appointed hour” but You are still active as You prepare for that hour. I bring my concerns about ..... to you and then listen for Your response.

I will do whatever You instruct me to do.

Amen

(Len Thompson)

 **Response**



In quiet prayer, we come to Jesus today to listen. What is He been saying today and over the last couple of days?

\*Prayer

Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him

[Psalms 34:8](#)

\*Blessing