

Lesson 5

Mary: Mother of the Church, Model of Discipleship

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. **Do Catholics worship Mary?**

Answer: No – Catholics worship God alone. Catholics venerate Mary, as she is the Mother of Jesus, and a powerful intercessor for all those who seek her help.

2. **Who is the model for all who claim to be disciples of Jesus?**

Answer: Mary is the Model for all who claim to be disciples of Jesus.

3. **Which angel gave Mary the Good news and what did he say to her?**

Answer: The Angel Gabriel gave Mary the Good news, and said to her, “Fear not, you have found favor in God’s sight.”

4. **We as Catholics are called to live a Moral Life – How can we do so?**

Answer: We can lead a moral life by taking Mary as our Model:

1. BE HUMBLE LIKE MARY; even though she knew soon she would give birth to a Saviour, she remained humble and obedient unto GOD.
2. Strive to imitate Mary in her FAITH and LOYALTY.
3. Like her to be COMMITTED TO JESUS. Mary is the Model for all who claim to be disciples of Jesus.
4. **Pray to Mary to intercede to her Son Jesus.**

MOTHER AND MODEL OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

On the Cross, Jesus gave His Mother to John the Apostle to care for. In doing so, not only did Jesus show His great love for His Mother, but He also gave her to all of us. **The Virgin Mary is the Mother of God and, consequently, the Mother of the Church, which is the Body of Christ.**

Therefore, we honor Mary in such a way that no other human is honored. We pray for her intercession and for her motherly care over us, and we honor her commitment to God. Mary was also the first disciple of Jesus and is our model of discipleship.

There are many ways we honor Mary, from celebrating important moments of her life on the many Marian feast days throughout the liturgical year, to using sacramentals such as the Rosary and scapulars, to praying prayers such as the Hail Mary and the Hail Holy Queen. All these helps prepare our souls to receive the grace of God.

Jesus took her up to Heaven, body and soul, as soon as her earthly mission was over.

ACTIVITY: WHERE IS MARY?

Let's find out the places and ways that Mary has SHAPED OUR Church; be its construction, Hymns, Prayers and even the titles we associate her with...



MARIAN HYMNS:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. _____2. _____3. _____4. _____
TITLES OF MARY:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. _____2. _____3. _____4. _____
MARY IN THE SCRIPTURES:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. _____2. _____3. _____4. _____
FEASTS OF MARY:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. _____2. _____3. _____4. _____
CHURCHES NAMED AFTER MARY:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. _____2. _____3. _____4. _____