



# THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Episode 5

## Summary

Mary can't assume herself into heaven, she doesn't have that power. Therefore, the Assumption of Mary, body and soul in Heavenly glory highlights the power of God and Christ's victory over sin and death for Mary's soul. It was at Lourdes that the Blessed Mother told St. Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Her Immaculate Conception and Glorious Assumption are intimately connected. The result of sin is death and decay of the body. Mary has no sin and no stain of sin, therefore no decay of the body. The body is not something to be devalued and eventually discarded but treasured and eventually deified! The Glorious Assumption of Mary reveals our destiny and our future glory.

## Quotes

"The field of battle between God and Satan is the human soul." - **St. Padre Pio**

"Go and drink at the fountain and wash yourself there ... I do not promise that you will be happy in this world, only in the next."

- **Our Lady to St. Bernadette**

"We come to an ever greater awareness of the gratuitous beauty of the human body, of masculinity and femininity. This gratuitous beauty becomes a light for our actions." - **Pope St. John Paul II**

## Scripture

"God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them ... Behold, it was very good."  
- **Genesis 1:27-31**

"I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship." - **Romans 12:1**

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." - **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

## Discussion Questions

1. Where did the Holy Spirit move most profoundly in your heart during this episode?
2. Have you ever been to Lourdes? What struck you most profoundly about the story of Lourdes and St. Bernadette? What do you think about the link between the Immaculate Conception and the Glorious Assumption?
3. Where do you see forms of modern gnosticism in our culture today?

## Resolution

Body: Modern day forms of gnosticism run rampant in our culture today. Be more vigilant with a clarity of mind and heart to see these for what they are: heretical thoughts becoming incarnate. When you consecrate your life to God, don't just consecrate your spiritual life but also your body: your mind and thoughts, your lips and the words you speak, your hands and the work you accomplish. Soul: In deep prayer, ask God to reveal the areas of your heart that need the most healing. Give him full access to enter into these areas.

