

Hail, Holy Queen by Scott Hahn

Chapter 1

1. Why had Scott Hahn seen “the rosary and the Virgin Mary as obstacles that came between (his) Grandma and Jesus Christ”? Why do Protestants largely avoid talking about Mary?
2. Why do we consider Mary our mother? What has this meant to you personally?

Chapter 2

3. It is easy to misunderstand the words to Mary at the wedding feast at Cana. How do some misunderstand this episode? How should we understand it? Why do you think Jesus did as she asked?
4. What is the significance of addressing Mary as “Woman”? How is all this connected to Adam and Eve? What is most the most basic difference between Eve and Mary?

Chapter 3

5. In what way is Mary like the Ark of the Covenant but even greater? How does this help explain the great devotion to Mary of the early church?
6. How does Luke’s gospel subtly suggest Mary is the new Ark of the Covenant? Why would he be subtle about it? Do you think Mary fully understood what her “yes” to the Lord meant?
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Chapter 4

8. What was the “Queen Mother” in ancient near eastern cultures? How did her purpose and role point to the future role of Mary? What has this role of Mary as queen meant to you?
9. How does understanding Mary as “Davidic Queen” help explain her exchange with Jesus as the wedding feast in Cana? What does this role of advocate mean to you?

Chapter 5

10. Discuss some support for the Immaculate Conception of Mary. How does our knowledge of Eve support the Immaculate Conception? What was it like to walk this world sinless?
11. Discuss the support for Mary’s perpetual virginity? Why is it important to the Church, the family of God?

Chapter 6

12. What does Paul mean when he says “we are God’s coworkers” and “I rejoice in my suffering for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of His body, the Church”? What does all this have to do with Mary?
13. According to Hahn, what foremost is missing with Judaism and Islam, with Calvin and Luther, as compared to Catholicism?
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Chapter 7 and 8

15. Biblical typology can be confusing. For example, Mary is seen as both bride and mother of Christ; is this a problem? The Church is seen as body of Christ and bride of Christ (and mother of believers too). Does this add to the confusion or help clear it up?
16. Are Marian dogmas a barrier for Christian unity? Should they be downplayed? How do we honor Mary yet respect others beliefs?