

MARY MAGDALENE THE EMPTY TOMB AND JESUS

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JOHN 19:25-27,20:1:18

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Introduction: When on the cross of Calvary my Lord was crucified. The mob stood round about Him and mocked Him til He died. Two thieves were nailed beside Him to share the agony. But one of them cried out to Him "O Lord remember me."

I. COMPASSION FROM THE CROSS (JOHN 19:25-27)

It is difficult to comprehend the agony of Mary as she saw her Son crucified. She along with her sister Mary the wife of Clopas and John the beloved disciple witnessed the pain, humiliation, shame, suffering and death of Jesus on that cross. Jesus being divine and human looked out on his mom felt her pain and in the midst of His suffering wanted to ease her suffering. **LOOK AT GOD!!!!**

***FOOD FOR THOUGHT (LUKE 2:35)

So Jesus entrusts Mary to John. He consciously cared for His mother to the end. John and Mary both obeyed this solemn command of Jesus despite the fact that Jesus had other half brothers and sisters.

II. MARY FROM MAGADALA

Mary is from Magdala, which was probably on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, the modern Migdal. It was a strongly Hellenized town with an important dried-fish industry. Josephus refers to it by its Greek name Tarichaea, meaning "drying and salting. Rabbis criticized the immorality of its inhabitants. It was a prosperous city that by AD 60-70 had a hippodrome (stadium for horse races) and 40,000 inhabitants.

Mary was troubled, and had been healed by Jesus from seven demons which he had cast out of her.

Mary was devoted to Jesus. She traveled with his party throughout Galilee, and was with him in Jerusalem at his crucifixion and resurrection. She was one of those who followed Jesus because her life had been so remarkably changed by his healing power.

III. THE EMPTY TOMB (JOHN 20:1-2)

But before we can understand the impact of the empty tomb we need to assess their emotional state. Jesus has been tortured, crucified, and succumbed to the agony of the cross with an early death. The death of the bandits crucified on each side must be hastened by having their legs broken, but not Jesus. When a soldier pierces his side to confirm his death, water and blood flow out.

The body is taken down, Mary his mother probably embraces him one last time and then the body is carried in a large shroud to the nearby burial place. The women follow, and perhaps help as Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus fold myrrh and aloes into the grave wrappings. Then the men together put their shoulders to the heavy stone and with all their might roll it into place, where it stops with a clunk. The grave is shut.

With heavy hearts the women follow the men into the city as Sabbath night falls, lit by the full moon of Passover. Saturday seems to take forever to be over, as the disciples go through the motions of the day. They are deeply depressed. Hope is gone and replaced by fear.

But early -- very early -- on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene and some other women rise and go to the tomb to complete the hurried burial.

When Mary Magdalene arrives she sees that the stone that closed the entrance to the tomb has been removed, leaving a gaping hole in the side of the cliff. She is shocked and imagines a grave robbery.

(RUNS BACK TO TELL PETER AND JOHN)

IV. GRAVE CLOTHES NEATLY FOLDED (20:3-7)

The corpse would have been placed on a strip of linen, wide and long enough to envelop it completely. The feet would be placed at one end, and the cloth would then be drawn over the head to the feet, the feet would be bound at the ankles, and the arms secured to the body with linen bandages...

If anyone had removed the body, he would not have stripped it first, nor would he have taken the trouble to remove and roll up the napkin and put it in a place by itself.

(PETER RUNS IN HEAD LONG 1ST JOHN HESITATES)

V. BELIEF IN CHRIST'S RESURRECTION (20:8-10)

Once John entered and saw the way the grave clothes were lain it was if a light bulb came on and all of Jesus' teachings came back to his remembrance

- 1. Caesarea Philippi: From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." (Matthew 16:21)**
- 2. Galilee: "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." (Matthew 17:22-23)**
- 3. Going up to Jerusalem: "The Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!" (Matthew 20:17-19)**

v. TWO ANGELS APPEAR TO MARY MAGDALENE (JOHN 20:10-13)

Unlike John Mary is still too distraught so all she can do is weep. She now goes inside the tomb to check things out for herself. There are now 2 angels in the tomb. Who or what they were didn't faze her she was focused on finding Jesus.(Oh if only we were ever so focused!!)

She didn't care who they were. She just wanted to know if they knew where Jesus was.

VI. JESUS APPEARS TO MARY JOHN (20:14-16)

She has been peering into the tomb, conversing with angels. Now she straightens up and sees someone nearby. Mary, still overcome by grief and wailing, now glances back and sees someone behind her. It is Jesus, but she doesn't recognize him. She tells the supposed gardener that if he knows where Jesus' body is, she will arrange to have people fetch it and provide for reburial. After all, she is a woman of some means.

Jesus speaks one word, her name: "Mary." She suddenly recognizes his voice and turns to face him:

VII. I HAVE SEEN THE LORD (JOHN 20:17-18)

Some may feel that Jesus was being harsh when He told Mary not to hold on to Him but in reality He was simply trying to prepare her for the future just as He always was during His ministry.

Mary had seen her Master die a most horrible death. She had watched as he was taken down from the cross and placed in a tomb. She had seen the great stone rolled in place to seal the doorway. And then she has thought that his body has been stolen by grave robbers. Now that she has found him again, she cannot stop holding him, overcome by emotion. But she can't hold on forever

Jesus interrupts her fervent embrace to tell her that he has a mission -- to return to his Father -- and Mary has a mission as well.

And so Mary hurries back into the city -- probably running -- brimming over with wonderful news.

"Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: 'I have seen the Lord!' And she told them that he had said these things to her

She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it." (

Conclusion: IF WHEN YOU GIVE THE BEST OF YOUR SERVICE

TELLING THE WORLD WHAT THE SAVOIR HAS DONE

BE NOT DISMAYED WHEN MEN DON'T BELIEVE YOU

HE'LL UNDERSTAND ALL ABOUT AND SAY WELL DONE