

The Passion of Mary Magdalene

- John 14:1a
John 19:25-26a
- Let not your heart be troubled...By the cross of Jesus stood Mary his mother; and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas; and Mary Magdalene. And Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing by...
- Mark 15:37,40
- Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last... And the women looking on from a distance included Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James...
- Matthew 27:59-64
- Joseph of Arimethea took down the body, wrapped it in clean cloth, and laid it in a tomb. He rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulcher and departed. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary saw where the body was laid and sat against the sepulcher.
- Matthew 28:1-9
Luke 24:1-3
- On the first day of the week, when it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary brought spices to anoint Jesus. But the stone was gone and he was not there. An angel of the Lord said, "Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus. He is not here. He has been raised from death, as he told you. Come and see! Go and tell the others."
- John 20:14-18
- Jesus himself appeared first to Mary Magdalene, but she did not recognize him.
"Woman, why do you weep?"
"Sir, if you have taken him, tell me..."
"Mary..."
"Rabboni!"
"Mary, do not cling to me...Go and tell the others."
Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"
- Mark 14:9
- Wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

Mary's Eschatological Anointing

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Leave her alone, she knows what she's about!
My head with oil she does anoint,
She knows the game is up—time to appoint.
This darkest hour she can withstand.
And waver now I must not,
'neath the empowering touch,
of her firm, gentle hand.

Leave her alone, no money wasted in this precious time.
Embalming odor to fulfill,
A house so full, a death so chill.
She knows the wisdom to anticipate
And waver now I must not
Empowered I must go forth,
They're waiting at the gate.

Leave her alone and spare her all the empty rhetoric,
She knows the score, this time of destiny,
And she'll survive the cruelest felony.
As others flee, too scared to hang around.
And waver now I must not
'cause by the cross she stands,
Anointing holy ground.

Leave her alone till Resurrection's dawn
And watch the garden of her painful stroll,
The breaking waters of her birthing role.
Apostolic succession is hers to wield.
And waver now I must not
With wisdom so replete,
A faithful future is guaranteed.

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Gospel Reading Mary 4:1 - 5:10, 10:15

A Reading from the holy gospel according to Mary

When the Blessed One had said these things,
he greeted them all, saying, "Peace be with you!
Bear my peace within yourselves!
Beware that no one lead you astray saying,
'Look over here!' or 'Look over there!'
For the Child of Humanity is within you! Follow it!
Those who seek it will find it.
Go then and proclaim the good news of the realm.
Do not lay down any rules beyond what I determined for you,
nor give a law like the lawgiver, lest you be confined by it."
When he had said this, he departed.

But they were pained. They wept greatly, saying,
"How shall we go to the nations and proclaim the good news
of the Child of Humanity? If they did not spare him,
how will they spare us?"

Then Mary stood up.
She greeted them all, and said to her brothers and sisters,
"Do not weep and be pained, nor doubt,
for all his grace will be with you and shelter you.
But rather let us praise his greatness,
for he has prepared us and made us Humans."
When Mary said this,
she turned their heart to the Good, and
they began to discuss the words of the Savior.

The Good News according to Mary.

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