

# *On The Way To Easter...*



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# Easter Morning



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, **Mary Magdalene** came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran to **Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved**, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” *(20:1-2)*

# Peter and John



Then **Peter and the other disciple** set out and went toward the tomb. **The two were** running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **He bent** down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. (20:3-5)

# Peter and John



Then **Simon Peter** came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the **linen** wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

*(20:6-7)*

# Peter and John



Then the **other disciple**, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

*(20:8-10)*

# A Question



What's your image of  
**Peter** before the crucifixion?

# Some Notes on Peter



- ❑ His home: Capernaum
- ❑ Brother, Andrew, and he: fishermen
- ❑ Married
- ❑ Part of “inner circle” of disciples
- ❑ Speaks and acts immediately
- ❑ Good-hearted and dedicated





# Some Notes on John



- ❑ His home: Capernaum
- ❑ Always named with brother, James
- ❑ Fishermen, with father, Zebedee
- ❑ With Peter in “inner circle” of disciples
- ❑ Nicknamed “sons of thunder”
- ❑ Requested best positions in heaven
- ❑ (Likely) “the disciple whom Jesus loved”

# Peter's Question/ Jesus' Answer



Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them....When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus said to him, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!” So the rumor spread among the brothers and sisters that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, “If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? (21:20-23)



# The Final Comment in John's Gospel



This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

(21:24-25)

# Another Question



What's your image of  
**Mary Magdalene?**

# Mary Magdalene



Soon afterward he went on through one town and village after another, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: **Mary, called Magdalene**, from whom seven demons had gone out, and **Joanna**, the wife of Herod's steward **Chuza**, and **Susanna**, and many others, who ministered to them out of their own resources.

*(Luke 8:1-3)*

# Women at the Cross



Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. (19:25)



# Mary at the Tomb



But **Mary** stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw **two angels in white** sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “**They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.**” (20:11-13)

# *The Gardener*



When she had said this, **she** turned around and saw **Jesus** standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “**Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?**” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “**Sir if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.**” *(20:14-15)*

# Recognition



**Jesus** said to her, “**Mary!**”  
**She** turned and said to him in Hebrew,  
**‘Rabbouni!’** (which means Teacher). **Jesus**  
said to her, “**Do not touch me, because I have**  
**not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my**  
**brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to**  
**my Father and your Father, to my God and**  
**your God.’”**  
*(20:16-17)*

# Mary's Message



**Mary Magdalene** went and announced to the disciples, “**I have seen the Lord,**” and she told them that he had said these things to her. (20:18)