

“Now the first day of the week Mary
Magdalene went to the tomb early, while
it was still dark...” – John 20:1



Life and Freedom

- *“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.”* (Hymn of the Resurrection)
- *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.”* (Rom. 8:2)
- *“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die.”* (Jn. 11:25-26)



Experiencing the Resurrection with Mary Magdalene

Feast of Resurrection



Who is Mary Magdalene?

- Early life
 - “Mary called Magdalene...and many others who provided for Him from their substance.” (Lk. 8:2-3)
- Her repentance and forgiveness
 - “...and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons...” (Lk. 8:2)
- Disciple of Christ
 - She put her resources at the disposal of the Lord and his disciples as they traveled spreading the gospel
 - She followed the Lord even to the Cross

St. Mary Magdalene

1. Forgiveness
2. Freedom
3. Fervent Love



Encountering the Resurrected Lord

- But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" (Jn. 20:11-13)



Encountering the Resurrected Lord

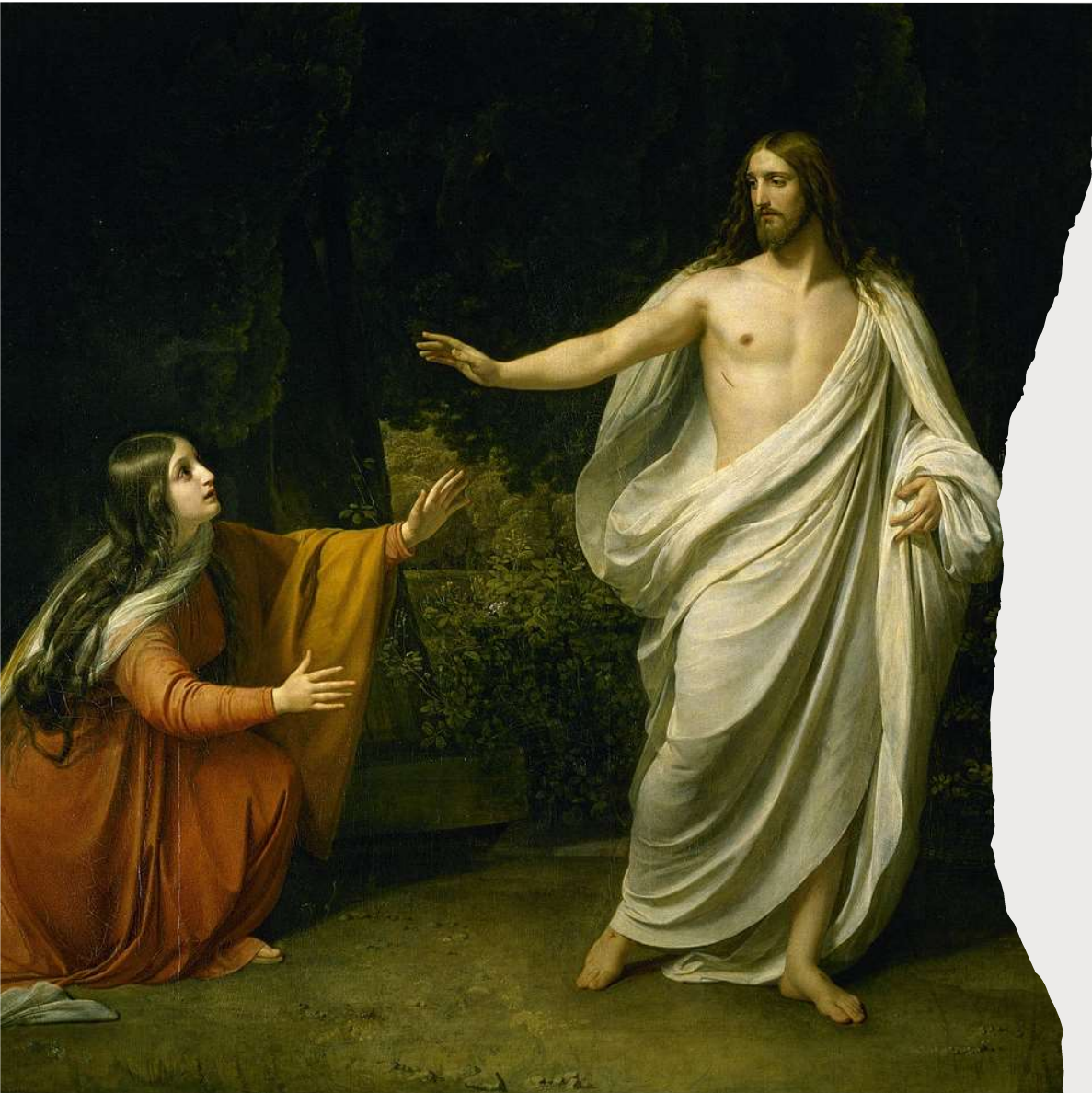
- She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." (Jn. 20:13)
- Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" (Jn. 20:11-15)



Encountering the Resurrected Lord

- She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." (Jn. 20:15)
- Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). (Jn. 20:16)
 - "He counts the number of the stars; He calls them all by name." (Ps. 147:4)
 - "...the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out...and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice." (Jn. 10:3,4)





Encountering the Resurrected Lord

- Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" (Jn. 20:17)
- Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where are You going?" Jesus answered him, "Where I am going you cannot follow Me now, but you shall follow Me afterward." (Jn. 13:36)
- "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." (Jn. 14:2)

Encountering the Resurrected Lord

- “Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.” (Jn. 20:18)





Our Resurrection Experience

1. Our relationship with the Risen Lord is proportionate to the love we have for Him
 2. Let us focus on our own relationship with the Lord
 3. Keep your focus on heaven
- “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.” (Col. 3:1-2)