

Mary and the Resurrected Lord

John 20:10–18

Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. John 20:16

Having found Jesus's tomb empty on the third day after His death, Mary Magdalene ran to tell Peter and John. They went back with her and saw for themselves that Jesus's body was not there. After Peter and John went home, Mary stood weeping outside the empty tomb. She looked into the sepulchre and saw two angels in white. Both were sitting where Jesus's body had lain. The angels asked Mary why she was crying. She said, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him" (John 20:13; see also John 20:10–12).

Mary turned away and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not recognize Him. He asked her why she was crying and whom she was looking for. Mary thought He was the gardener or caretaker

and said, "Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away" (John 20:15; see also John 20:14).

Then Jesus said, "Mary." Mary turned and recognized Him and cried, "Rabboni," which means Master. (See John 20:16.)

Jesus asked Mary not to touch Him because He had not yet ascended to His Father in Heaven. He told her to go to the Apostles and tell them that she had seen Him. Jesus said, "Say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God" (John 20:17).

Mary hurried to tell the Apostles that she had seen the Lord and that He had spoken to her (see John 20:18).

Summary

Mary Magdalene stood weeping outside Jesus's tomb. She stooped to look inside and saw two angels, who asked her why she wept. Mary said she did not know where Jesus's body had been taken. As she turned back, Mary noticed someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she did not

recognize Him until He spoke her name. The Savior explained that He had not yet ascended to His Father in Heaven and asked her to tell the Apostles the things He said to her. Mary ran quickly to tell the Apostles that she had seen the risen Lord.

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