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Mary Magdalene: Devoted to God

Part 9 of 12



JOHN 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

John 20:1-18 continued

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

John 20:1-18 continued



At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.”

John 20:1–18 continued

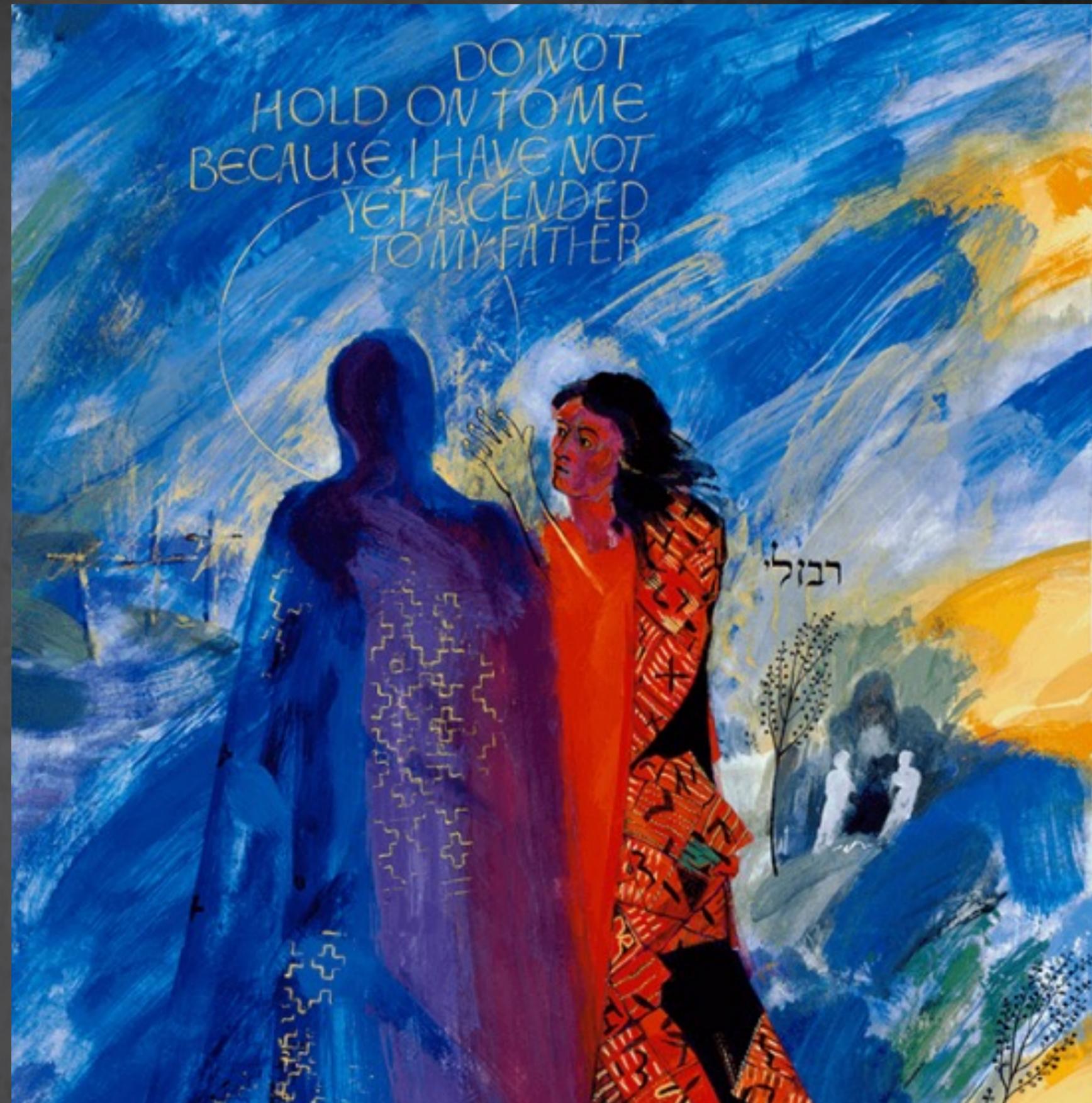


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John 20:1–18 continued





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.

John 20:1–18 continued

“*She had the office of an apostle; indeed, she was an apostle to the apostles insofar as it was her task to announce our Lord’s resurrection to the disciples. Thus, just as it was a woman who was the first to announce the words of death, so it was a woman who would be the first to announce the words of life.*”



Thomas Aquinas, *Lectura Super Ioannis*

LUKE 8:1-3

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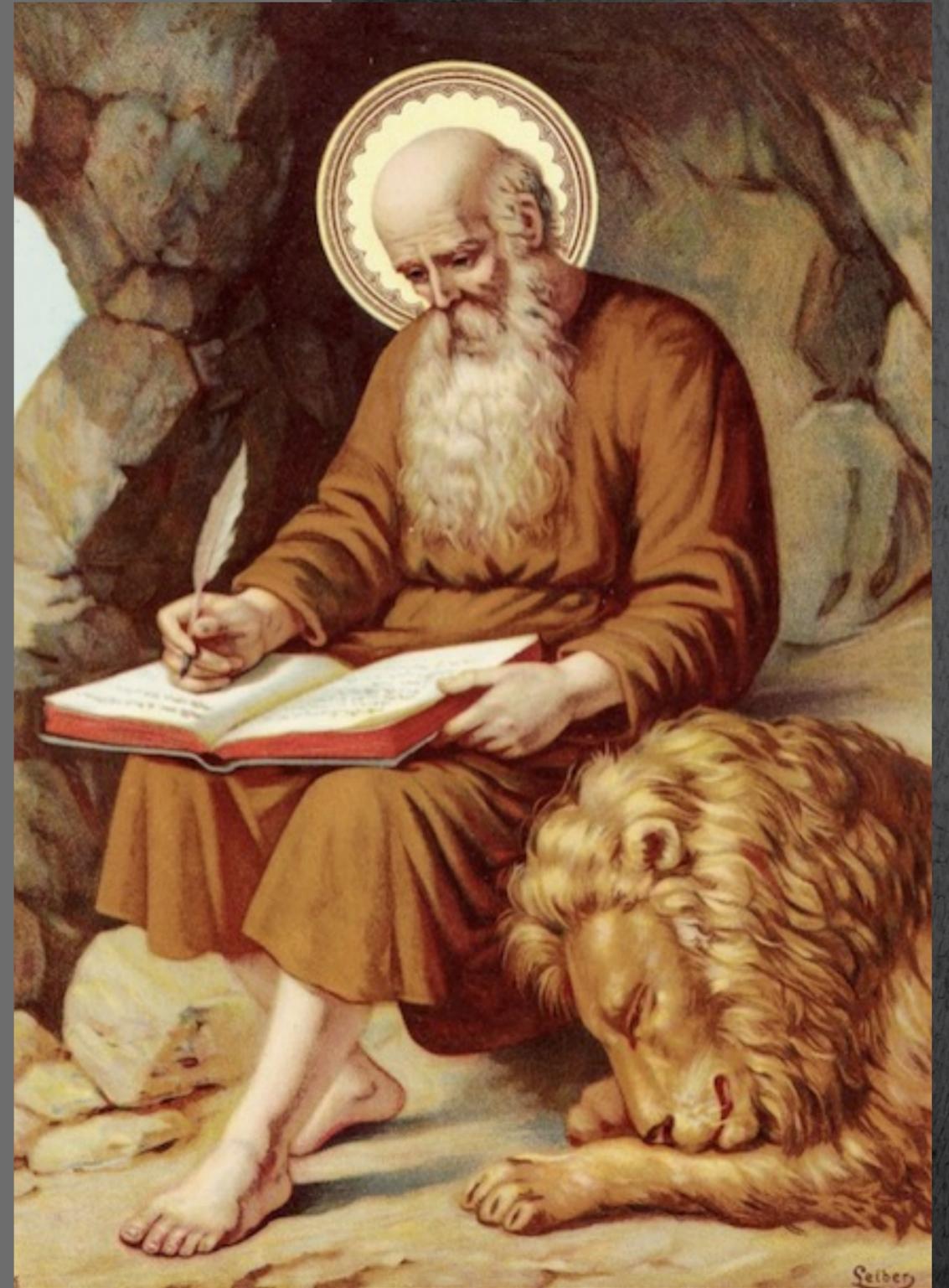
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The unbelieving reader may perhaps laugh at me for dwelling so long on the praises of mere women; yet if he will but remember how holy women followed our Lord and Savior and ministered to Him of their substance, and how the three Marys stood before the cross and especially how Mary Magdalene—called The Tower from the earnestness and glow of her faith— was privileged to see the rising Christ first of all before the very apostles, he will convict himself of pride sooner than me of folly.”



Jerome, Letter 127, To Principia

MARY MAGDALENE: DEVOTED TO GOD

- Grounded in her experience of healing and freedom



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- **Supports the Kingdom in tangible ways**





MATTHEW 27:55-56

Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

LUKE 23:48–49

When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who knew him, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

JOHN 19:25

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.





MATTHEW 27:61

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb.

MARK 15:47

Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.

LUKE 23:55

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it.

MARK 16:1-3

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

MARY MAGDALENE: DEVOTED TO GOD

- Grounded in her experience of healing and freedom
- Supports the Kingdom in tangible ways
- **Follows Jesus all the way to the cross and the tomb**



JOHN 20:11-15

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JOHN 20:15–16

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- Follows Jesus all the way to the cross and the tomb
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- **Recognizes the voice of God**



JOHN 20:17-18

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- Recognizes the voice of God
- **Proclaims the risen Christ**



GOD: DEVOTED TO HIS PEOPLE

- **Offers healing and freedom**
- **Invites all people into the building of his Kingdom**
- **Draws near in our suffering**
- **Finds us as we seek him**
- **Calls us by name**
- **Gives us a mission**

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