

# Mary Magdalene

## Encounters With Jesus, part 6

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Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.

*John 20:1*

*(NLT)*

### A lesson in faith

#### 1. Faith is impossible

She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!'

*John 20:1 (NLT)*

They told him, 'Sir, we remember what that deceiver once said while he was still alive: 'After three days I will rise from the dead.' So we request that you seal the tomb until the third day.

*Matthew 27:63-64*

*(NLT)*

I'll say it again—it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded. 'Then who in the world can be saved?' they asked. Jesus looked at them intently and said, 'Humanly speaking, it is impossible. But with God everything is possible.'

*Matthew 19:24-26 (NLT)*

#### 2. Faith is rational

She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. 'Dear woman, why are you crying?' Jesus asked her. 'Who are you looking for?'

*John 20:14-15 (NLT)*

Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. Then the

disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed.

*John 20:6-8 (NLT)*

#### 3. Faith is given by grace

She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn't recognize him. 'Dear woman, why are you crying?' Jesus asked her. 'Who are you looking for?' She thought he was the gardener. 'Sir,' she said, 'if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.' 'Mary!' Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, 'Rabboni!' (which is Hebrew for 'Teacher').

*John 20:14-16 (NLT)*

#### 4. Faith is uniquely individual