

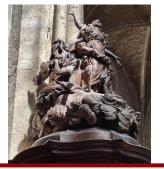
Grotto of Mary Magdalene, Sainte-Baume, France; *Photo by JMN 2022* 

## Healing the Hieros Gamos through Place, Image, & Stories of Mary the Magdalene

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## Mary the Magdalene

- Date of Birth: unknown; Date of Death: possibly as late as 100 CE
- Early Life: ????? some form of initiatic training (e.g. Mystery Schools of Alexandria)
- **Residence:** *Perhaps* northern Galilee fishing town of Magdala (Migdal) on Sea of Galilee; perhaps Alexandria Egypt, Bethany outside Jerusalem, Samaria, Southern France, the Hebridean Islands of Scotland, or these ALL
- Met Jesus in Palestine/Galilee: as early as 29 CE
- Authored (or her tradition did): *The Gospel of Mary* used 1<sup>st</sup> 400 years, hidden, then 1<sup>st</sup> found in 1896 in Cairo (missing pages 1-6 and 11-14 of 19 pages); 2 additional copies found
- Believed to have traveled to Southern France in 42 CE & lived last 30 years of life in cave of Sainte-Baume
- **Possibly traveled from France to British Isles** settling for some time around Glastonbury (where some believe Joseph of Arimathea settled & established first Christian community there)
- 591 CE: Pope Gregory I erroneously declared her a prostitute (not corrected until 1969)
- Eastern Orthodox Church: always Apostle to the apostles, & revered her & the red egg
- **2016 CE:** Pope Francis elevated 22 July from the *memorial* of Mary Magdalene to the *Feast Day* of Mary Magdalene & pronounced her the Apostle to the apostles



Basilica of Saint Mary Magdalen, Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume, France; *Photo by JMN 2022* 



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According to the canonical New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

- 1<sup>st</sup> to Witness Jesus' Resurrection & 1<sup>st</sup> Apostle to the apostles = ALL 4 Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-11, Luke 24:1-11, John 20:1-18
- 2. Witness at Jesus' Burial = 3 of 4 Matthew 27:61, Mark 15:47, Luke 23:55-56
- Directly mentions or allude at Jesus' crucifixion = ALL 4 Matthew 27:55-56, Mark 15:40, Luke 23:49, John 19:25 (& is up close in John)
- Healed of Demonic Possession = 2; of which 1 is an added section /NOT in Matthew, John, or any of the Gnostic gospels Luke 8:2 (Mary the one being called Magdalene from whom 7 demons had gone out), Mark 16:9 (added ending of Mark = Mary the Magdalene from whom he had cast out 7 demons)
- 5. Woman w/ Alabaster Jar = ALL 4 but NOT named AS MM \*\*Matthew 26:6-13, \*\*Mark 14:3-8, Luke 7:36-47 (by *sinner*), \*\*John 12:1-8 (\*\* = in preparation for Jesus' burial)

Healing with Mary the Magdalene: Spiritual Formation Offering begins later this summer (Zoom).

Details to be updated on website in July.