



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

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

1. **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
3. **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)
4. **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)



Basilica of Saint Mary Magdalen,  
Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume,  
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*Healing with Mary the Magdalene: Spiritual  
Formation Offering begins later this summer (Zoom).*

**Details to be updated on website in July.**