

Just One More Thing - Mary

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John 20:11-18

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Reflection & Discussion Questions

After the resurrection Jesus appears to people and wants to say ‘just one more thing’

The first occurs with Mary Magdalene outside the tomb

*Why would Jesus save some of these important conversations for after his death?

Read and discuss Mark 16:1-3 (NIV)

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

13 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.” ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

15 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.”

16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

17 Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

18 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.

*What is this passage saying? What does it tell us about God?

**Does it seem like Jesus chose Mary in particular to share the message? Does that have any implications for us?

Jesus intentionally points out a new relational dynamic

We have become adopted siblings to Jesus and God is a father to us in the same way He was a father to Jesus.

*What insight does this statement give us into the mind of Jesus?

*What does it tell us about his motive on the cross?

There is just one more thing – We are family now...All of us

Everything I had with God as His only son, you have it now too.

*What does it mean to be adopted into this family? How does your heart long for it?

*How are you living into being a son or daughter of the living God?

*What does this look like in practice?

Visual reflection (Visio Divina)* [Noli Me Tangere](#) by James Tissot

Song for reflection [Closer Than a Brother](#) by Josh Garrels

*Visio divina – a thoughtful and slow way of contemplating a visual prompt like a piece of art, photograph or image and inviting God to speak to you through it. First, focus on the detail that your eyes are drawn to right away – keep focus there and pay attention to what thoughts and emotions you are having. Then, look at the entire image and consider it as a whole, being aware of thoughts, questions and emotions it provokes. End in silence and prayer, considering your experience and anything you feel called to respond to.