

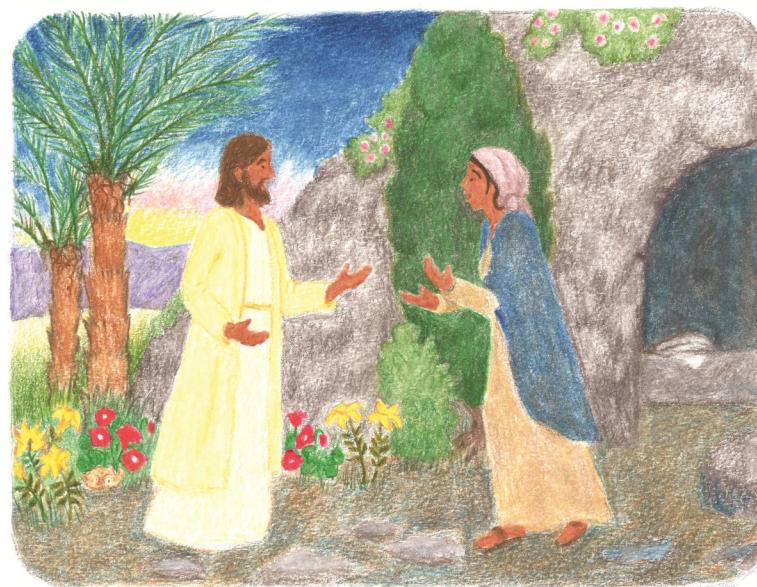
# 45. Mary in the Garden

## *The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children*

### Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) Think of how Mary felt all the way through. She came to the sepulcher sorrowful, because her Lord was dead. Then she was afraid that they had taken the body of the Lord away, so she couldn't even go to His burial place to grieve.
- b) When the disciples went away, she was weeping, wondering how she could visit His body. Then, of course, she was thrilled when He identified Himself and was surprised by the Lord saying "Touch Me not". Then she must have felt such happiness in telling the disciples He was risen.
- c) Notice the three ways Mary thought of the Lord. First, she thought that He was the gardener. Then she recognized Him as Teacher, but still not God. That was why He told her, "Touch Me not because I have not yet ascended to the Father." What He meant was that in her mind He was not fully Divine—one with His soul, "the Father." But He comforted her because He said He would ascend—in her mind she would soon worship Him as God Himself.
- d) This shows three ways that we, too, might think of the Lord—the first two not thinking of Him as He really is, but as less than He really is. Only when, in our minds, we see Him as almighty God can we fully embrace Him.



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## The Lord Shows Mary That He Is Alive

And on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early, while it was still dark, to the sepulcher and saw the stone rolled away. Then she ran to Simon Peter and John and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the sepulcher, and we know not where they have laid Him.”

Both Peter and John ran together to the sepulcher, and John reached it first. Stooping down, he saw the sheets, but he did not go in. Simon Peter followed him and went into the sepulcher. He saw the sheets lying there and, a little apart, was the napkin which had been around Jesus’ head. Then John came into the sepulcher, and he saw and believed.

Then the disciples went away. But Mary stood outside the sepulcher weeping. She stooped down and looked in the sepulcher and saw two angels in white, sitting the one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they said to her, “Woman, why are you crying?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him.”

And saying these things she turned behind, and saw Jesus standing there, but she knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who do you look for?” She, thinking that it was the gardener, said to Him, “Lord, if you have carried Him away, please tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She, turning, said to Him, “Teacher!”

Jesus said to her, “Touch Me not, for I have not yet ascended to My Father. Go to My disciples and say to them, I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.”

Then Mary Magdalene came reporting to the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that He had said these things to her.

John 20

