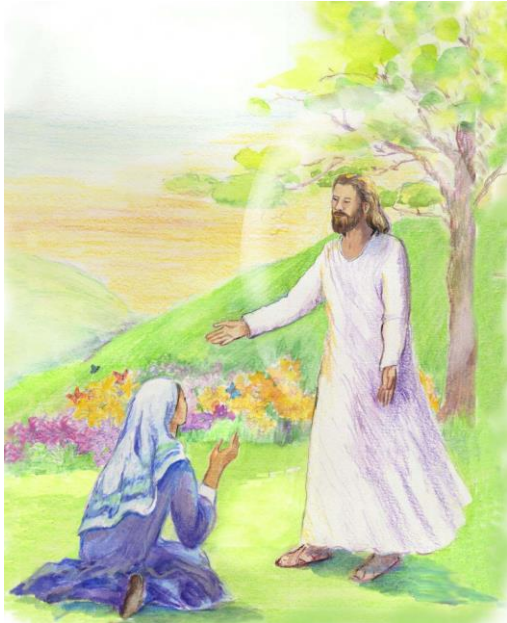


FAMILY WORSHIP

Mary Magdalene Sees the Lord

Read the story in John 20:1-16 about Mary Magdalene going to the tomb and later seeing the Lord standing nearby.

Here is a summary of key points you might want to cover:



John 20:1

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early in the morning and saw the stone had been taken away.

John 20:12

Mary looked inside the tomb and saw two angels in white.

John 20:14

Mary Magdalene turned and saw Jesus standing there but did not know who He was.

John 20:16, 18

Jesus said “Mary!” and then she said “Rabboni!” Then she went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord.

Discussion Ideas

1. What did Mary expect to find in the tomb? (The body of Jesus)
2. What did she do when she saw that the stone was moved away? (She stooped down to look into the tomb.)
3. What did Simon Peter and the other disciple, John, find?
4. What did Mary Magdalene see in the tomb that the disciples did not see?
5. Did the angels tell Mary that the Lord was risen? How did she learn this joyous news?
6. Why did she turn around? Why did she see Him then, but not before? (Partly because she was now ready to see the Lord.) Why did Mary see the risen Lord first?
7. When did she recognize the Lord? (When He called her name, “Mary”.)
8. And what did she call Him? (“Rabboni” or Teacher)

Compare this with the story in Mark 16: 9-11. When did the disciples believe that the Lord was alive and had risen?