

Jesus and Mary Magdalene in the Garden – A Coloring Picture

This picture shows a scene from the Easter story in the book of John.

Mary Magdalene had come to the sepulcher when it was still dark and found the stone rolled away. She ran to bring Peter and John back.

When Peter and John left to tell the other disciples, Mary looked into the tomb and saw two angels in white. After she told them that she could not find the Lord's body, she saw a man in the garden and thought that he was one who took care of the garden.

It was then that the scene of this picture took place; for the gardener was actually the Lord.

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, "I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God" (John 20:16-17).

To make coloring easier for younger hands, this picture can be printed and then enlarged on a photocopier.

Color Suggestions:

Sky.....blue
Far Hills.....light gray
Hills by the tomb.....soft green
Near Hill.....yellow green
The Lord's and Mary's hands and face.....skin tone or pale peach
The Lord's robe.....white
Mary's dress.....your favorite color
Mary's cape.....your next favorite color

All the trees and flowers in the picture are found even today in the hillside country of Jerusalem in the springtime.

Poplar trees around the entrance of tomb.....green
Olive trees in the foreground.....gray trunks
gray-green leaves

Flowers (on the left, behind Mary)

- Pink Cistus.....lavender-pink with yellow center
(From this flower comes a gum called ladanum from which myrrh is made)
- Morning Glories.....white with pink center
- Palestine Cornflower.....light blue

Flowers (on the right, behind the Lord)

- Scarlet Anemone.....bright red with black center
- Lupine.....medium blue

(The leaves at the base of the tall stalk are like a hand.)

