

## **The “Mary’s” Who Were With The Lord**

Dear Sisters in the Lord,

This little email is about how women were with the Lord in His death, burial and resurrection. What an incredible privilege and intimacy to be with the Lord in these times of great and eternal significance. To be able to share with Him and care for Him in these deep hours. The scriptures show us three “Mary’s” that were with the Lord in such a way. One Mary was with the Lord in preparation for His burial. This is Mary of Bethany (Martha’s sister) found in John 12:3-7. This Mary anointed the Lord to prepare Him for His burial(verse 7). So much could be said about the incredible sensitivity and awareness this woman must have had to be able to understand the time of death that Jesus was about to enter into, and to be with Him in preparation for it. This woman was with Him, even when Jesus’ own disciples were confused and afraid.

The next Mary is the Mother of Jesus that was with Him when He was being crucified on the Cross. Jesus saw her, and spoke to John from His Cross instructing him to care for her. Mary beheld and stood with the Lamb of God as He gave Himself for us. All of the disciples except John had scattered, but she stood there with Jesus being with Him in His darkest hours. How precious. Mary’s sister (Jesus’ aunt) was also there with her as well as Mary Magdalene.

Our final Mary is Mary Magdalene, the first human to behold Jesus in His new resurrected form. She had been out there looking for Him when it was yet dark. When she found his empty tomb she then told the disciples who came and looked. They went back home but she stayed there outside the tomb weeping. Jesus then appeared to her (she thought he was the gardener at first!) and told her to tell the disciples what had happened. She was the first human being to carry the message that Jesus was risen from the dead to mankind!!! This was a woman of low stature but with a big heart that could not bear the thought of living without

Jesus, and He appeared to her first! (John 20:1-18).

All of these “Mary’s” together represent the one corporate Bride that we all are together. They show us that our place is with the Lord in His death, burial and resurrection. Jesus does not want to be alone during any of these times, and now that we are His very Body we can bear His dying and His living from within. His “Mary” is the place from where He now lives and the vessel through whom He continues to give His life. Praise God for Him including us in Himself in these ways! May we bless the Lord at all times as we abide in Him and let Him abide in us through all the seasons of His Cross.

We are together with you, loving Jesus!

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