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"Tradition in the West links Mary Magdalene with the unnamed woman in the Pharisee's house who wets the feet of JESUS with her tears and dries them with her hair. (LUKE 7:36-50).

By the time of The Resurrection, she has become a passionate follower of JESUS. She stands by the open tomb after the disciples have left, weeping, "She was still seeking The One she had not found, and while she sought she wept;

burning with the fire of love, she longed for Him Who she thought had been taken away (Saint Gregory The Great). JESUS appears to her in this moment. He calls her by name: "Mary!" *

Mary Magdalene answers with overwhelming joy to The Resurrected Lord, "Rabboni!" [JOHN 20:16] On His command, she reports to the Apostles:



JOHN 20:17-18

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fD0RU399JU4>

17 JESUS saith unto her, Touch Me not; for I AM not yet ascended to My Father: but go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father, and your Father; and to My GOD, and your GOD.

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen The Lord, and that He had spoken these things unto her.

Mary of Magdala is the first to behold, believe and confess in The Risen Savior. Her report to the Apostles marks the beginning of her title, "apostle to The Apostles." Saint Mary Magdalene, pray for us!



"O GOD, Whose Only Begotten Son entrusted
Mary Magdalene before all others with announcing
The Great Joy of The Resurrection, grant, we pray,
that through her intercession and example we may
proclaim The Living CHRIST and come to see Him
reigning in Your Glory. Who lives and reigns with You
in The Unity of The HOLY SPIRIT, GOD, for ever and ever." *
Amen!

*["Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene" and "Collect," The Magnificat,
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