MARY OF MAGDALA

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All references to Mary Magdalene in the New Testament:

The Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, Luke):

The Ministering Women – Luke 8:2

Witnesses of the Crucifixion – Mark 15:40; Matt 27:56

The Burial of Jesus – Mark 15:47; Matt 27:61

The Women at the Empty Tomb – Mark 16:1; Matt 28:1; Luke 24:10

[Jesus Appears to the Women – Mark 16:9] – in the Markan Appendix; not part of the original Gospel of Mark

The Fourth Gospel (John):

The Crucifixion – John 19:25

The Empty Tomb – John 20:1

The First Easter Christophany – John 20:11-18, esp. vv 11, 16, 18

Note: All but one of the references to Mary Magdalene are in the Passion and Resurrection Narratives.
The following passages are from:

The Ministering Women

**Luke 8:1-3**

1 Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

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THE PASSION NARRATIVE

Witnesses of the Crucifixion

**Matthew 27:55-56**

55 There were also many women there, looking on from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him; 56 among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

**Mark 15:40-41**

40 There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome, 41 who, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered to him; and also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

**Luke 23:49**

49 And all his acquaintances and the women who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance and saw these things.

**John 19:25-27**

25 So the soldiers did this. But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” 27 Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.
The Burial of Jesus

Matt. 27.57-61
57 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. 58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him.

Mark 15.42-47
42 And when evening had come, since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself looking for the kingdom of God, took courage and went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. 44 And Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. 45 And when he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph.

Luke 23.50-56
50 Now there was a man named Joseph from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, who had not consented to their purpose and deed, and who was looking for the kingdom of God. 52 This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

John 19.38-42
38 After this Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him leave.

Then came Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight. 40 They took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. 41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. 42 So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

46 And he bought a linen shroud, and taking him down, wrapped him in the linen shroud, and laid him in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock; and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed.

61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre.

47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

49 Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.
THE RESURRECTION

The Women at the Tomb

Matt. 28.1-8

1And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices; so that they might go and anoint him. 2And very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?” 4And looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back; for it was very large.

Mark 16.1-8

2And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.

3His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. 4And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

5But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

6He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you.”

8So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Luke 24.1-12

1But on the first day of the week at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared.

2And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

3but when they went in they did not find the body.

4While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them

in dazzling apparel;

5and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground,

the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?”

[He is not here, but has risen.]

6Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise.”

8And they remembered his words,

returning from the tomb

they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

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Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles; but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves, and went home wondering at what had happened.

So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.
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**Jesus Appears to the Women**

9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Hail!”

And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb:

12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.

13 They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

14 Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16 Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, “Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

18 Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.
JOHN 20

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" and she told them that he had said these things to her.