



April 10, 2025
The Women of Easter

Social Time

Thanks to those who brought treats!

Bible Study Business

Prayer Requests and Update Prayer List

Opening Prayer

Hymns – Lisa Schlotterbeck

- *In the Garden* – attached (p. 3)
- ELW 619 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!* Vs 1, 5, 7, 8
- ELW 870 *We Praise You, O God*

Author Lia Curtis Higgs shares her thoughts on Mary Magdeline

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ysueyKeF5Qs>

1. What is your favorite part of this chapter? Why?
2. What questions or new insights did this chapter raise for you?

Matthew 27:50-56 (pp. 190-191)

⁵⁰Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!” ⁵⁵Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. ⁵⁶Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

3. At the time of Jesus’ death, nature commemorated this momentous event in frightening ways – the temple curtain was torn in two, an earth quake, the dead being freed from their tombs, coming back to life, and going into Jerusalem.
 - a. How do you understand these events?

John 20:11-18 (pp. 178-187)

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and 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. ¹³They 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.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

4. Since Mary knew Jesus so well, why do you think she didn’t recognize him?
5. There is power in a name. When Jesus says her name, Mary immediately recognizes him.
 - a. What prompted this recognition?
6. Why do you think Jesus didn’t want her to hold onto him?
7. What is the significance that he commanded her to be the one to go and share the good news of his resurrection?
8. Throughout this *Women of Easter* series we have focused on three Marys – Mary the mother of Jesus, Mary of Bethany, and Mary Magdalene.
 - a. Which Mary do you identify most closely with?
 - b. What about her speaks to you?
 - c. How does the faithfulness of these women inspire you in your own relationship with Jesus?

Birthdays

Witness

With the women in the garden we catch our breath,
wipe our tears and try to articulate our experience with you.

What words can describe shadows fleeing from the tomb?
How can we tell of the morning the world turned upside-down?
No mortal words will do.

Still, we must spread the news: Christ is risen!

Our knees are weak from running; our voices tremble on the edge of fearful joy.
Our eyes have seen the glory of the Lord loosed upon the world!

May every breath we take, every word we utter, everything we do,
witness to the truth of Christ’s resurrection.

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Lord’s Prayer

Upcoming Schedule

Date	Pages	Topic
4/17		Holy Week – No Bible Study
4/24		Pastor Marla on vacation Pastor Elaine to lead Bible Study on the topic of Prayer
		During May continue with <i>Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith</i>
5/1	10-12	Assemblies of God (Pentecostal)
5/8	114-116	Salvation Army
5/15	76-81	Judaism
5/22		Pre-Memorial Day Weekend – No Bible Study
5/29	67-71	Islam
		Topic for the Summer – <i>Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit</i>

In the Garden

1. I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tary there,
None other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tary there,
None other has ever known.

3. I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tary there,
None other has ever known.