

**The Marys in the New Testament:
An Attempt to Clear Up My Confusion!**

How many Marys can you recall?

Mary, the mother of Jesus

Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus

Mary Magdalene

Mary, the mother of James & Joseph

**Mary the mother of James the Younger
& of Joses**

**Mary, [the wife] of Clopas (she is a sister or
sister-in-law to Jesus' mother)**

And this...

**The anointing stories: which Mary(s) did the
anointing of Jesus?**

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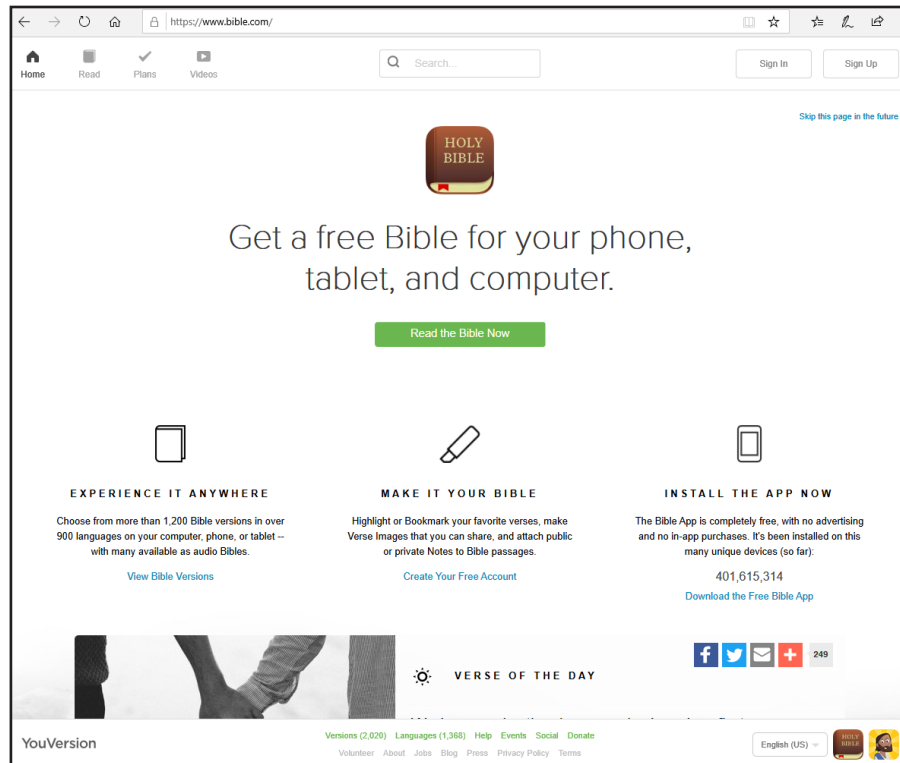
Is there any advice you would generally give to aspiring Bible students?

- Be patient with yourself. I desperately wanted to be a student of the Bible, but it was hard. I gave up learning the piano because it was tough and regret it now.
- There were major breakthroughs in my Bible study that came ten years after I committed to studying each day. I'm convinced that had I not put in the time, I never would have had the insights. I look up in a Bible dictionary and an atlas each person I don't know, every place I can't picture in the Bible. Slowly, I become more and more familiar with what God is trying to communicate to me.

— Kevin Stern

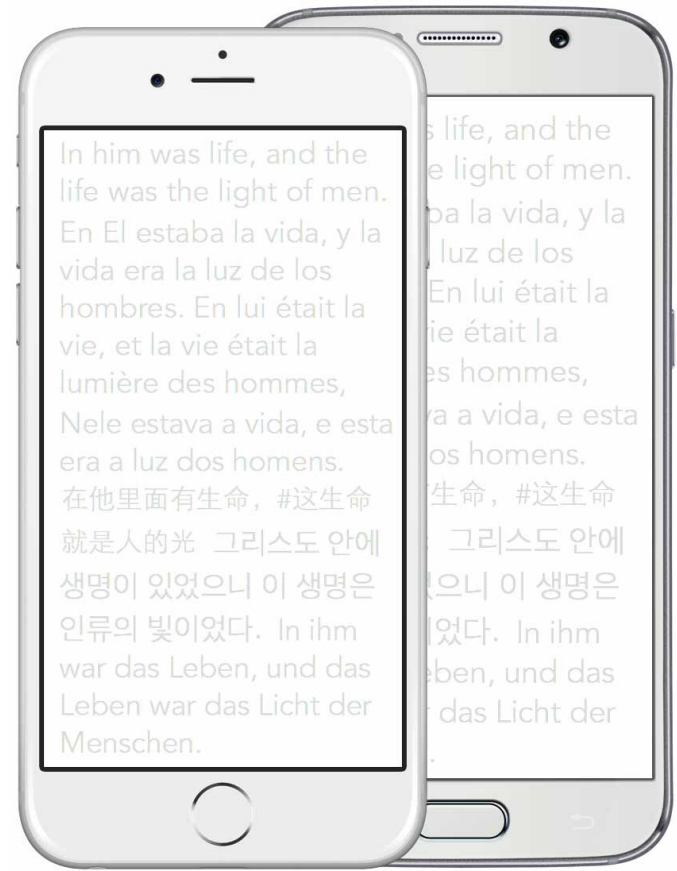
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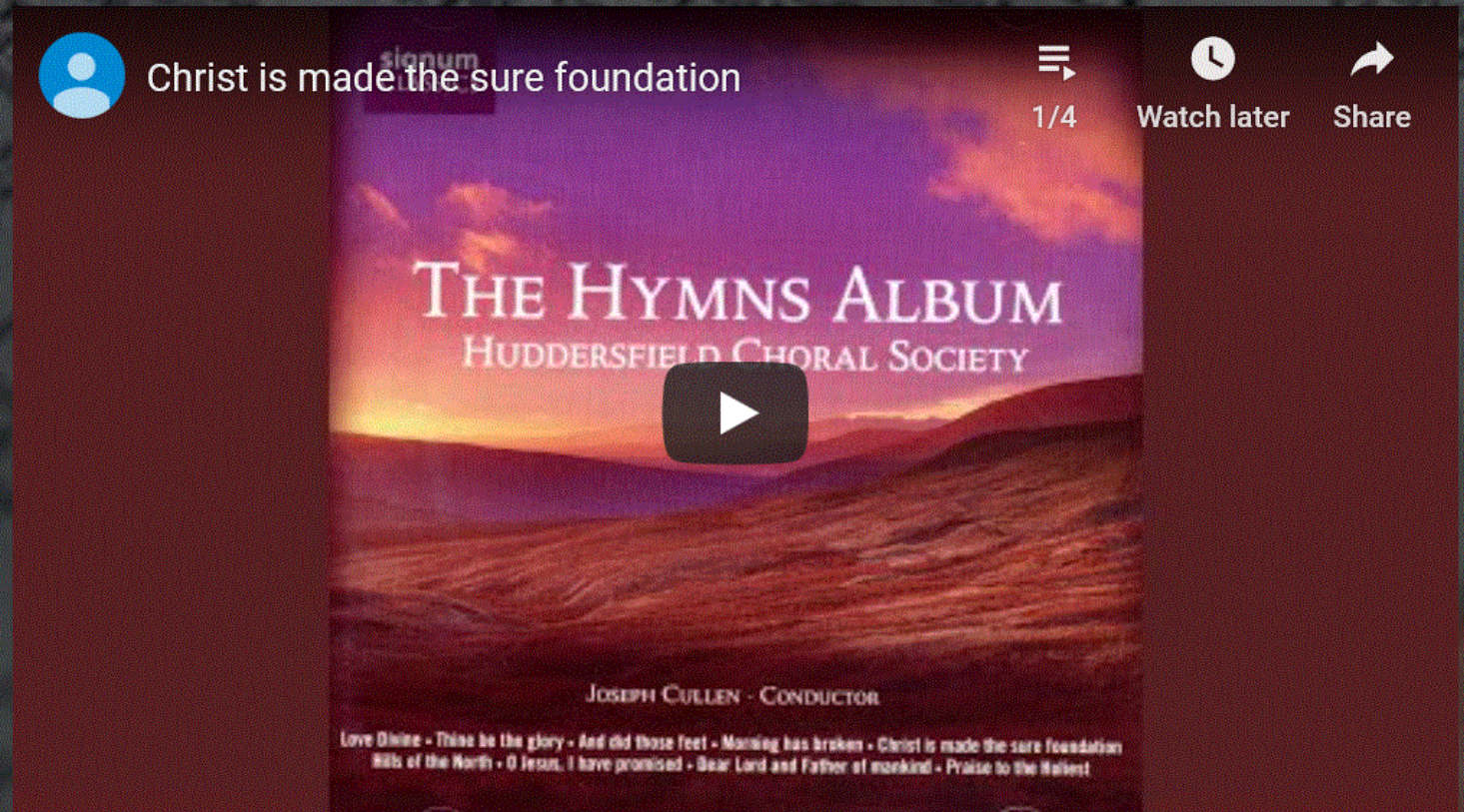
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English Standard Version (ESV)

Matthew 27:61 (ESV)

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Mark 15:47 (ESV)

Mary Magdalene and *Mary* the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.

Luke 1:46 (ESV)

And *Mary* said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,

Romans 16:6 (ESV)

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65 verses:

Including 18
where “Mary” is
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		24:10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,	20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).		
			20:18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.		

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³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

— Luke 10:38-42

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because

he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.” ¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their

brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.” ²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And

when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept

this man from dying?”³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.”⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of

God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death. ⁵⁴Jesus therefore no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there to the region near the wilderness, to a town called Ephraim, and there he stayed with the disciples. ⁵⁵Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up from the country to Jerusalem before the Passover to purify themselves. ⁵⁶They were looking for Jesus and saying to one another as they stood in the temple, “What do you think? That he will not come to the feast at all?” ⁵⁷Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should let them know, so that they might arrest him.

^{12:1}Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²So they

gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. ³Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, ⁵“Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” ⁶He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. ⁷Jesus said, “Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

— John 11:1-12:8

Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus

What do we know about her?

Mary Magdalene

Mary, Magdalene:

15 verses

(maybe more)

With the exception
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Mary Madgelene

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¹Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, ²and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means. — Luke 8:1-3

Matthew 27

⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, “Truly this was the Son of God!” ⁵⁵There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had

followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, ⁵⁶among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. ⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. ⁶²The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, ‘After three days I will

rise.’⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.”⁶⁵Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.”⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

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— Matthew 27:54-28:10

Mary Madgelene

What do we know about her?

Almost there!

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12:46	While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him.	15:40	There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.	1:39	In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah,	2:12	After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.				
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				10:42	But one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."	20:11	But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.				
				24:10	Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,	20:16	Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).				
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Done with this part!

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A Fly in the Ointment: Luke 7:36-48

Another Anointing Account?

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Another Anointing Account?

Story of anointing by Mary, sister of Lazarus, is told in Matthew, Mark, and John

Luke (7:36-48) tells an anointing story

Matthew		Mark		Luke		John		Acts		Romans	
1:16	And Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.	3:11	And his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him.	1:27	To a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.	2:01	On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.	1:14	All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.	16:06	Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.
1:18	Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.	3:32	And a crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers are outside, seeking you."	1:30	And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."	2:03	When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."	12:12	When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.		
1:20	But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.	6:3	Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.	1:34	And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"	2:04	And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come."				
2:11	And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.	14:3	And while he was sitting in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head.	1:38	And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.	2:05	His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."				
12:46	While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him.	15:40	There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome.	1:39	In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah,	2:12	After this he went down to Capernaum, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples, and they stayed there for a few days.				
13:55	Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? 56 And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did he get all these things?"	15:47	Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses sat where he was laid.	1:41	And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit,	11:01	Now when John had said that it is Jesus, and he had heard of the village of Mary and her sister Martha.				
16:7	And he came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table.	16:1	When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.	1:46	And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,	11:02	Now Mary who assisted the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill.				
27:56	Among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.	16:9	Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons.	1:56	And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.	11:05	Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.				
27:61	Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.			2:05	to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.	1:19	and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.				
28:1	Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.			2:16	And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.	1:20	So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.				
28:8	So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.			2:19	But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.	11:28	When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is caring for you."				
				2:34	And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed	11:31	When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to keep there.				
				2:35	And a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."	1:32	Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."				
				2:43	And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it.	11:32	Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him,				
				2:48	And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress."	12:03	Mary therefore took a pound of expensive spices made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.				
				2:51	And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.	19:25	But standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his next sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.				
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³⁶One of the **Pharisees** asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷And behold, a **woman of the city, who was a sinner,** **when she learned** that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰And Jesus answering said to him, **"Simon,** I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." ⁴¹"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred

denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?” ⁴³Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” ⁴⁴Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” ⁴⁸And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

— Luke 7:36-48

Differences Between This Story and the Story of Anointing by Mary, Sister of Lazarus

	Matthew, Mark, John	Luke
Location	Bethany (near Jerusalem)	Galilee (the place names immediately before and after this story are all in Galilee)
Description of Woman	Mary, sister of Martha and Lazarus	A woman of bad reputation (a sinner)
Who objected	Judas (primarily)	Simon the Pharisee
The objection	The anointing was wasteful	Jesus should have recognized that the woman was sinful
The point made by Jesus	This was preparation for burial	Those forgiven more love more
The homeowner	Simon the Leper	Simon the Pharisee
When it occurred	During week before Crucifixion	Early in ministry; soon after choosing the twelve disciples
Jesus' conclusion	What this woman did will be famous	The woman's faith saved her

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My conclusion: I think it was simply an unnamed woman, not one of the Marys. Perhaps her identity was not revealed because of her past?

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Supplement: Some Online Tools

- **wikipedia.org (often excellent; be discerning)**
- **biblehub.com/Bible Hub app**
- **www.blueletterbible.org**



Harmony of the Gospels

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Subjects	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Pre-Christ Narratives				
St. Luke's preface			1:1-4	
"God the Word"				1:1-14
The Birth and Early Childhood of Christ				
Birth of John Baptist foretold			1:5-25	
Annunciation of the birth of Jesus			1:26-38	
Mary visits Elizabeth			1:39-56	
Birth of John the Baptist			1:57-80	
The two genealogies	1:1-17		3:23-38	
Birth of Jesus Christ	1:18-25		2:1-7	
The watching shepherds			2:8-20	
The circumcision			2:21	
Presentation in the temple			2:22-38	
The wise men from the East	2:1-12			
Flight into Egypt, and return to Nazareth	2:13-23		2:39	
Christ in the temple with the doctors			2:40-52	
The Baptism of Christ				
Ministry of John the Baptist	3:1-12	1:1-8	3:1-18	1:15-31
Baptism of Jesus Christ	3:13-17	1:9-11	3:21-22	1:32-34

◀ Luke 7:36 ▶

And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.

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EXPOSITORY (ENGLISH BIBLE)

EXEGETICAL (ORIGINAL LANGUAGES)

Ellicott's Commentary for English Readers

(36) **One of the Pharisees** . . .—We may reasonably infer that this was one of the better class of Pharisees who had a certain measure of respect for our Lord's teaching, and was half-inclined (comp. [Luke 7:39](#)) to acknowledge Him as a prophet. Of such St. John tells us ([John 12:42](#)) there were many among the chief rulers. We find another example of the same kind in [Luke 11:37](#). Looking to the connection in which the narrative stands, it seems probable that the man was moved by the words that had just been spoken to show that he, at least, was among "the children of wisdom," and did not take up the reproach—"a gluttonous man and a winebibber." There is something very suggestive in our Lord's accepting the invitation. He did not seek such feasts, but neither would He refuse them, for there too there might be an opening for doing His Father's work.

And sat down to meat.—Literally, *He lay down* This was the usual position in the East (see Note on [Matthew 26:20](#)), and in this case we have to remember it in order to understand the narrative. We learn from [Luke 7:49](#) that there were other guests present. The Pharisee had probably invited his "friends and rich neighbours," and thought that he conferred an honour on the Prophet of Nazareth by asking Him to meet them.

Meyer's NT Commentary

[Luke 7:36](#). This narrative of the anointing is *distinct* from that given in [Matthew 26:6](#) ff.; [Mark 14:3](#) ff.; [John 12:1](#) ff. See on [Matthew 26:6](#). The supposition that there was *only one* incident of the kind, can be indulged only at *Luke's* expense. He must either *himself* have put aside the actual circumstances, and have added new circumstances (Hug, *Gutacht*. II. p. 98), which is in itself quite improbable, or he must have followed a tradition which had transferred the later incident into an earlier period; comp. Ewald, Bleek, Holtzmann, Schenkel, Weizsäcker; Schleiermacher also, according to whom Luke must have adopted a *distorted* narrative; and Hilgenfeld, according to whom he must have *remodelled* the older narrative on a Pauline basis. But the accounts of Mark and Matthew presuppose a tradition so constant as to time and place, that the supposed erroneous ([John 12:1](#) ff.) dislocation of the tradition, conjoined with free remodelling, as well as its preference on the part of Luke, can commend itself only less than *the* hypothesis that he is relating an anointing which actually occurred earlier, and, on the other hand, has passed over the similar subsequent incident; hence it is the less to be conceived that Simon could have been the husband of Martha (Heugstenberg). Notwithstanding the fact that the rest of the evangelists relate an anointing, Baur has taken our narrative as an *allegorical poem* (see his *Evang.* p. 501), which, according to him, has its parallel in the section concerning the woman taken in adultery. Strauss sought to confuse

Pulpit Commentary

Verses 36-50. - The nameless woman who was a sinner, and Simon the-Pharisee. As regards the incident about to be told, some commentators have believed that the anointing was identical with that related by St. John as having taken place at Bethany very shortly before the Crucifixion. Without detailing the several points of difference in the two recitals, it will be sufficient surely to call attention to the character of the Bethany family, Lazarus and his sisters, the intimate friends of Jesus, to show how monstrous it would be to attempt to connect the poor soul who followed the Master to Simon's house with the sweet Mary of Bethany. A widely spread and, in the Western Church, a very generally received tradition identifies this woman with Mary of Magdala - the Mary Magdalene mentioned in Luke 9:2, and again after the Crucifixion, in company with the band of holy women (Luke 24:10). Out of Mary Magdalene, we learn, had been cast seven devils. This, however, gives us no clue to identify the two; rather the contrary. It is scarcely likely that the apparently well-known courtesan of the touching story was a demoniac. The earliest writers say nothing respecting the identity of the two. Gregory the Great, however, stamped the theory with his direct assertion, and that the Western Church generally accepted the identification of the two is clear from the selection of this narrative of St. Luke as the portion of Scripture appointed for the Gospel for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene (this was one of the feasts omitted by the English Reformers from the calendar of the Prayer-book of 1552). It is impossible to decide the question positively. One modern commentator of distinction quaintly pleads for Gregory the Great's rather arbitrary theory, by suggesting that there is no sufficient reason to disturb the ancient Christian belief which has been consecrated in so many glorious works of art; but, in spite of this, the opinion which considers "the woman which was a sinner" the same person as "the Magdalene," is really based on little else than on a mediaeval tradition. St. Luke alone relates this touching story. We can conceive the joy of Paul when this "memory of the Master" came across him. It so admirably illustrates what this great teacher felt was his Master's mind on the all-important subject - the freedom and universality of salvation. It seems likely enough that Dean Plumptre's interesting conjecture respecting this scene in the Pharisee Simon's house is correct. "Occurring, as the narrative does, in St. Luke only, it is probable enough that the 'woman which was a sinner' became known to the company of devout women named in the following chapter (Luke 8:1-3), and that the evangelist derived his knowledge of the fact from them. His reticence - probably their reticence - as to the name was, under the circumstances, at once natural and considerate." No special note of time or of the locality is appended. If this sinner was one and the same with the Magdalene, then the city implied is certainly Magdala, the modern mud village of El-Mejdel, but at that time a populous wealthy town on the Lake of Galilee. If, as we believe, the two were not identical, the city is most probably Capernaum, the usual residence of our Lord.

Ellicott's Commentary for English Readers

(37) A woman in the city, which was a sinner.—The word is clearly used as pointing to the special sin of unchastity. The woman was known in the city as plying there her sinful and hateful calling. The question who she was must be left unanswered. Two answers have, however, been given. (1) The widespread belief that she was Mary Magdalene—shown in the popular application of the term "Magdalen" to a penitent of this class—has absolutely not a single jot or tittle of evidence in Scripture.

Matthew Poole's Commentary

Ver. 37,38. What hath made any interpreters imagine this was the same story which is mentioned Matthew 26:6-13 Mark 14:3-9 John 12:1-3, I cannot tell. The histories agree scarcely in any thing, unless in the bringing the alabaster box of ointment, and the anointing our Saviour's feet, whereas there was nothing in those countries more ordinary. That anointing was done in Bethany, within two miles of Jerusalem, this in Galilee. That in the house of one Simon the leper this in the house of one Simon a Pharisee. That a little, this a great while, before our Saviour's passion. At that Judas was offended, at this Simon the Pharisee was offended. There Christ vindicates the woman from one head of argument, here from another. Questionless this is another quite different piece of history.

(Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible

And behold, a woman in the city,.... Not Mary Magdalene, spoken of in Luke 8:2 under another character; and is a different person, who had not been taken notice of by the evangelist before; nor Mary the sister of Lazarus, who is said to anoint the feet of Christ, and wipe them with her hair, John 12:3. The char-

acter given of this woman, does not seem so well to agree with her; at least, the fact here recorded, cannot be the same with that; for this was in Galilee, and that in Bethany; this in the house of Simon the Pharisee, that in the house of Lazarus; this was some time before Christ's death, and after this he went a circuit through every city and village, that was but six days before his death, and after which he never went from those parts; nor is this account the same with the history, recorded in Matthew 26:6 for that fact was done in Bethany also, this in Galilee; that in the house of Simon: the leper, this in the house of Simon the Pharisee; that was but two days before the death of Christ, this a considerable time before; the ointment that woman poured, was poured upon his head, this upon his feet: who this woman was, is not certain, nor in what city she dwelt; it seems to be the same in which the Pharisee's house was; and was no doubt one of the cities of Galilee, as Naim, Capernaum, or some other at no great distance from these: or tittle of evidence in Scripture. Nor can there be said to be anything like even a tradition in its favour. The earliest Fathers of the Church are silent. Origen discusses and rejects it. Ambrose, Jerome, and Augustine are doubtful. It first gained general acceptance through the authority of Gregory the Great. The choice of this narrative in the Gospel for the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene stamped it as with the sanction of the Western Church. The omission of that feast from the calendar of the Prayer Book of 1552 shows that the English Reformers at least hesitated, if they did not decide against it. We may note further (a) that if the popular belief were true we should have expected some hint of it on the occurrence of the name of Mary Magdalene in Luke 8:3; (b) that the description given of that Mary, as one out of whom had been cast "seven devils," though not incompatible with a life of impurity, does not naturally suggest it; (c) that, on the assumption of identity, it is difficult to say when the "devils" had been cast out. Was it before she came with the ointment, or when our Lord spake the words, "Thy sins are forgiven thee?" It is obvious that the conduct of the woman in the Pharisee's house was very different from the wild frenzy of a demoniac. (2) The belief adopted by some interpreters, and more or less generally received in the Church of Rome, that the woman was none other than Mary the sister of Lazarus, who, on this hypothesis, is identified also with Mary Magdalene, is even more baseless. The inference that when St. John speaks of Mary of Bethany as "that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment," must refer to the previous anointing which St. Luke narrates, and not to that which St. John himself records (John 12:3), is almost fantastic in its arbitrariness; and it will seem to most minds inconceivable that such a one as the sister of Lazarus, who appears in Luke 10:42 as "having chosen the good part," could so shortly before have been leading the life of a harlot of the streets. Occurring as the narrative does in St. Luke only, it is probable enough that the "woman which was a sinner" became known to the company of devout women named in Luke 8:1-3, and that the Evangelist derived his knowledge of the facts from them. His reticence—possibly their reticence—as to the name was, under the circumstances, at once natural and considerate.

Bengel's Gnomen

Luke 7:37. Ἡ ὄψις, a woman) whose name is unknown. [There is certainly a great correspondence between this history and that which John 12:3, etc.; Matthew 26:6, etc.; and Mark 14:3, etc., record: especially in this respect, that both events happened in the house of a certain Simon. But indeed the anointing described by Luke took place in a city of Galilee, before the transfiguration, nay, even before the second Passover: the other anointing took place at Bethany, six days before the third Passover. The woman in Luke had been heretofore a sinner; Mary had been a different kind of character, John 11:1-2 (comp. Luke 7:5). In fine, Simon the Pharisee doubted whether Jesus was a prophet: whereas Simon the leper had no longer any grounds left for doubting, inasmuch as Lazarus, who had been raised to life, was present.—Harm., p. 302.]

