## Mary Magdalene

The angel told me to tell the disciples that He was not there. I ran faster than I knew was possible, and my thoughts seemed to move as quickly as my feet. Why was He gone? And what did the angel mean when he said, "He is risen?"

I doubted the other disciples would believe what I was about to tell them. Most did not, except for Peter and John. Those two did not stop to think, but hurried back to the tomb to see for themselves. I followed them, not knowing what else to do.

As I stood outside the seputchre, tears welled up in my eyes. I thought of my great friend and teacher. Why would anyone have taken His body away? As I wept, a man came near and asked why I was crying. I assumed Him to be the gardner, and plead with Him to help me find the body of my Lord.

He spoke only one word to me. "Mary." (music begins)

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