



The New Eve

John 20:1-18

Key Theme: The Easter story is strange and surprising — especially because Mary Magdalene plays such a central role. This “weirdness” makes the resurrection more believable, more wonderful, and shows it is good news for the whole world. Mary serves as the “New Eve” — bringing the message of life and hope instead of death.



Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

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The Easter Story is a Strange Story

Strange Elements:

Angels appearing and disappearing
Recognizing and not recognizing Jesus
Linen Cloths
The resurrection itself is a strange story
The inclusion of Mary Magdalene



The Easter Story is a Well-Attested Story

Points to Ponder:

The inclusion of Mary Magdalene makes this a story for everyone!

There is a Genesis chapter 3 Connection

Question to Consider: Is Mary Magdalene the New Eve?



The Easter Story is a Wondrous Story

In Verse 16 two important words:

Mary & Rabbouni

The Easter Story is for the Whole World

Mary Magdalene — a woman with a broken past (Jesus had cast seven demons out of her) — becomes the first person sent to announce the resurrection.

Jesus even calls His fearful, abandoning disciples “My brothers.”

God chooses the broken and unworthy to carry His message of grace.

Mary is the New Eve: Just as the first Eve brought death through disobedience, Mary brings news of life through faithful obedience.



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