



“...and also some women...Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out...” –Luke 8:2

“...standing by the cross were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.” –John 19:25

“The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth.” –John 11:44

“From the perspective of heaven nothing is more incongruous than tears at the empty tomb of Jesus. If there is one place and one moment in time when tears are least appropriate, it is at the empty tomb of Jesus on Easter morning!” –Bruce Milne

**“One word which remade her world and transformed her life for ever after, and the word was her name! This is a memorable confirmation of the personal nature of our Lord’s dealings with his people.”
–Bruce Milne**

“What needs to stop is not a particular act of touching but a misplaced reliance on the physical presence of Jesus. The body of Jesus and his location need to be redefined in light of his death,

resurrection and ascension as well as the coming of the Spirit. By these words Jesus explains that his relationship to his disciples is intended to extend well beyond his physical bodily presence.” –Edward Klink

“God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.” –Acts 2:24

“There is something deeply touching in those simple words, ‘my brothers,’ they deserve a thousand thoughts. Weak, frail, erring as the disciples were Jesus still calls them brothers. Much as they had come short of their profession, sadly as they yielded to the fear of man, they are still his brothers. Glorious as he was in himself-a conqueror over death, and hell, and the grave, the Son of God is still meek and lowly of heart. He calls the disciples brothers. Let us turn from this passage with comfortable thoughts if we know anything of true religion. Let us see in the words of Christ, an encouragement to trust and not be afraid. Our Savior is the one who never forgets his people; he pities their infirmities; he does not despise them. He knows their weaknesses, and yet does not cast them away. Our great High Priest is also our elder brother.” –J.C. Ryle