

The Gospel of The Beloved Companion: Mary Magdalene, The Emergence of the Church, & Her Message For Today

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Come and learn about Mary Magdalene – who she was, who she wasn't, and her importance for today. Using art, film, and conversation, we will:

- * Do a canonical review of Mary Magdalene's **presence in the gospels.**
- * Explore her influence on the **early church** and the emerging controversy around the **leadership of women.**
- * We will also ponder together **her relationship to Jesus.**
- * Explore the remarkable discovery of ancient texts, **The Gospel of Mary** (1896) and the **Nag Hammadi Codices** (1945), current scholarship, and how they contribute to our understanding of Mary Magdalene.
- * Finally we will discover together **her possible messages for the church today.**

How did Mary Magdalene come to be understood as a prostitute and why? How would things change if she actually were an apostle and inspiring leader? A beloved companion? An expression of feminine wisdom? A prophet and healer? How might this contribute to your own spiritual aliveness?

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