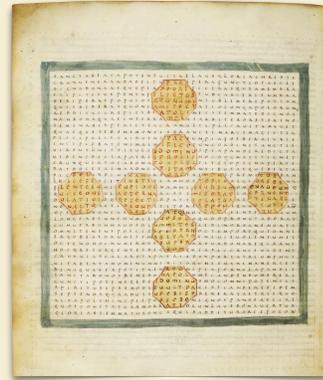


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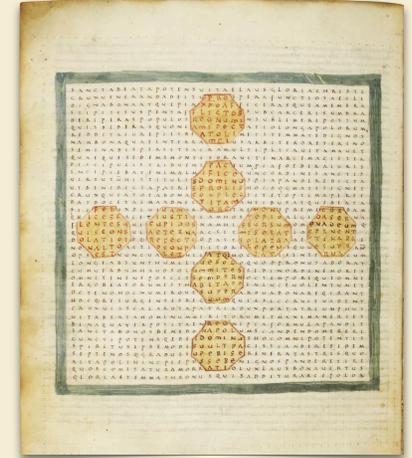


A Spring Sermon Series on the Beatitudes

COMFORT FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Matthew 5:4; Luke 6:21b

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ROADMAP

What kind of mourning?

3 Faces of mourning

The promise of comfort

WHAT KIND OF MOURNING?

Prescriptive

- Virtuous qualities that God promises to reward.
- Present focus: Wisdom values meant to be lived out.
- Personal moral formation and call to just action in the world.

Descriptive

- Undesirable conditions that God promises to reverse.
- Future orientation: Eschatological in-breaking of God's kingdom.
- Focus on consolation and hope in God.

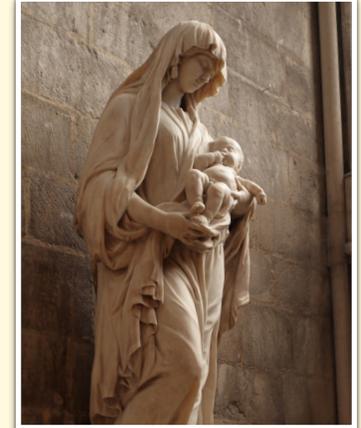
3 FACES OF MOURNING

- Jesus Christ remains the main character in each story
- Exemplars for us because of their relationships to Jesus
- 3 Women who knew deep grief
- Luke 8:1-3
“...These women were helping to support them out of their own means.”

Mary, mother of Jesus

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother:
“This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. **And a sword will pierce your own soul too.**”

Luke 2:34-35



Mary, mother of Jesus

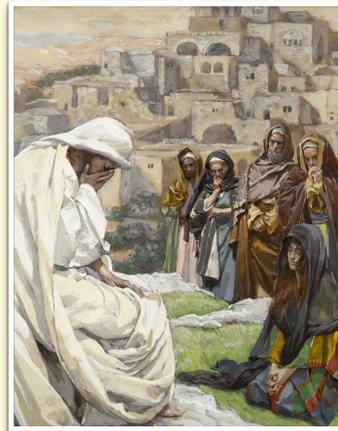


They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and **Mary the mother of Jesus**, and with his brothers.

When the day of Pentecost came, **they were all together** in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 1:14; 2:2-4

Mary of Bethany



When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, **he was deeply moved** in spirit and troubled.

“Where have you laid him?” he asked.
“Come and see, Lord,” they replied.
Jesus wept.

John 11:33-35



Mary of Bethany

When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

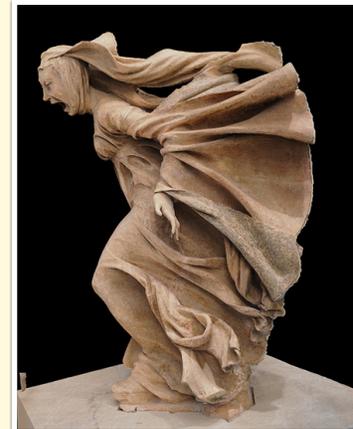
Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

John 11:43-44

Mary Magdalene

Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there.

Mark 15:40-41



Mary Magdalene

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!"

John 20:15-16



THE PROMISE OF COMFORT

In the present...

respite 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14	rescue Revelation 7:17; 21:4
rest Matthew 11:28-30	resurrection John 11:25-26
relief John 14:25-27	restoration Acts 3:21

In the future...