

AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS



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Mary and the Beloved Disciple at the Cross: 19:25-27

²⁵ Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son."

²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

²⁵ εἰστήκεισαν δὲ παρὰ τῷ σταυρῷ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ ἡ μήτηρ αὐτοῦ καὶ ἡ ἀδελφὴ τῆς μητρὸς αὐτοῦ, Μαρία ἡ τοῦ Κλωπᾶ καὶ Μαρία ἡ Μαγδαληνὴ.

²⁶ Ἰησοῦς οὖν ἰδὼν τὴν μητέρα καὶ τὸν μαθητὴν παρεστῶτα ὃν ἠγάπα, λέγει τῇ μητρὶ, Γύναι, ἴδε ὁ υἱός σου.

²⁷ εἶτα λέγει τῷ μαθητῇ, Ἴδε ἡ μήτηρ σου. καὶ ἀπ' ἐκείνης τῆς ὥρας ἔλαβεν ὁ μαθητὴς αὐτὴν εἰς τὰ ἴδια.



¹ Bartolomé Esteban **Murillo** (Spanish, 1617-1682), **Christ on the Cross with the Virgin, Mary Magdalen, and Saint John**, c. 1670. Oil on copper. Meadows Museum, SMU, Dallas. Algur H. Meadows Collection, MM.67.11. Photo by Michael Bodycomb. <https://matrons.org.es/murillo/>



This is the Reader's Digest version² of the academic Monk Version addressing the issues of who the people were at the foot of the cross and what Jesus said to them. This version is also just short of being an altar call noting the pictures tell this story from different angles.

From this version, you may get a hug.

² Full version will be available upon request.



Of course, this paper will discuss the differences between the historical issues of standing at the foot of the cross as described in the Synoptic Gospels and the theological (heavenly) issues from the Fourth Gospel.

How many Marys were there at the foot of the cross?

Was Jesus addressing himself or the Beloved Disciple when he said:

“Woman, here is your son.”

Could the Beloved Disciple who took Mary home have been, perhaps, Mary Magdalene?



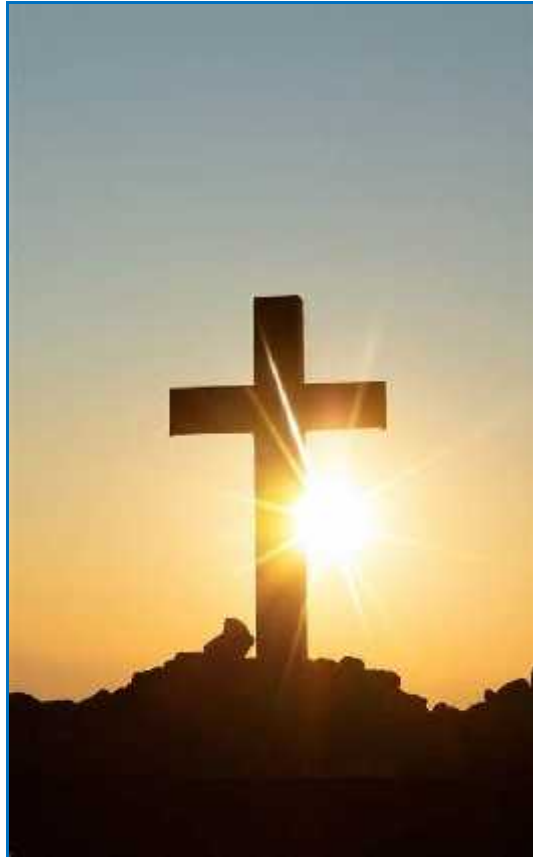


James Tissot 1836-1902

If we could go back in time would these pictures be close in depicting the actual scene?

Or does it really matter?

After this is all over with isn't the whole idea to be with Jesus?





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