

A misty forest path at night, illuminated by numerous glowing yellow lights scattered across the ground. A single lantern sits on the path in the center. The scene is atmospheric and serene.

# Mary Magdalene Gathering

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# WELCOME

Let's take a few moments to silence our  
minds, calm our bodies and open our  
hearts

# OPENING DIALOGUE

SOLO: This is the day the Lord has made

**UNISON:** We will rejoice and be glad.

SOLO: Be of good courage, and if you are discouraged be encouraged in the presence of the different forms of nature.

**UNISON:** She who has ears to hear, let her hear.

SOLO: Tell us the words of the Savior which you remember which you know, but we do not, nor have we heard them.

**UNISON:** Mary answered and said, What is hidden from you I will proclaim to you.

# Pistis Sophia

## Chapter 27

- It came to pass then, when Jesus had finished saying these words unto his disciples, that Mary, the fair in her discourse and the blessed one, came forward, fell at the feet of Jesus and said: "**My Lord, suffer me that I speak before thee, and be not wroth with me, if oft I give thee trouble questioning thee.**"
- The Saviour, full of compassion, answered and said unto Mary: "Speak the word which thou willest, and I will reveal it to thee in all openness."



# Pistis Sophia

## Chapter 17

- When then he had said this to his disciples, he said unto them: "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."
- It came to pass then, when Mary had heard the Saviour say these words, **that she gazed fixedly into the air for the space of an hour.** She said: "My Lord, give commandment unto me to speak in openness."
- Mary Magdalene asketh and receiveth permission to speak. And Jesus, the compassionate, answered and said unto Mary: "Mary, thou blessed one, **whom I will perfect in all mysteries of those of the height, discourse in openness, thou, whose heart is raised to the kingdom of heaven more than all thy brethren.**"

## Pistis Sophia, Chapter 36

- It came to pass then, when Jesus had finished speaking these words unto his disciples, that he said unto them: "Do ye understand in what manner I discourse with you?"
- And Peter started forward and said unto Jesus. **Peter complaineth of Mary.**
- "My Lord, we will not endure this woman, for she taketh the opportunity from us and hath let none of us speak, but she discourseth many times."

# About the Pistis Sophia, translated by G.S.R. Mead

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- *“Mary Magdalene stands forth as the chief questioner, no **less than 39 of the 42 questions** being put in her mouth.”*

Who had more right to ask?









# Gospel of Philip

- And the companion of the [...] Mary Magdalene. [...] loved her more than all the disciples and used to kiss her often on her mouth. The rest of the disciples [...].
- They said to him "Why do you love her more than all of us?"
- The Savior answered and said to them, "Why do I not love you like her? When a blind man and one who sees are both together in darkness, they are no different from one another. **When the light comes, then he who sees will see the light, and he who is blind will remain in darkness.**"

# Gospel of Mary

## Chapter 9:

- 4 He (Peter) questioned them about the Savior:
- Did He really speak privately with a woman and not openly to us? Are we to turn about and all listen to her? Did He prefer her to us?

# Gospel of Mary

## Chapter 9:6

- Levi answered
- 8) But if the Savior made her worthy, who are you indeed to reject her? Surely the Savior knows her very well.
- 9) That is why **He loved her more than us**. Rather let us be ashamed and put on the perfect Man (Human), and separate as He commanded us and preach the gospel, not laying down any other rule or other law beyond what the Savior said.
- 10) And when they heard this, they began to go forth to proclaim and to preach.



# Reflections and discussion

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# Gospel of Mary

Notice these phrases:

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER REQUESTS

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known to God.***

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 5-7*



A reminder...





## CLOSING

**SOLO:** All nature, all formations, all creatures exist in and with one another, and they will be resolved again into their own roots.

**UNISON:** For the nature of matter is resolved into the roots of its own nature alone.

**SOLO:** Are we ready to release the ignorance?

**Unison:** We are ready to acquire the Lord's Peace. We are ready to go within. We are ready to be in silence and hear the words of The Teacher.

**Solo:** We rest in Silence as Mary did. Peace be with you.

**Unison:** And also, with you.

# OUR NEXT GATHERING

September 24, 2023  
2 PM CDT

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