This week, I want to follow up on a couple of comments that were made during our discussion last month.

I've never felt I've had a chance to express an idea that I, personally, feel very strongly about. It is the notion that by giving to Mary Magdalene the role of wife and mother, we are falling into a patriarchal trap of what a woman's role should be.

I take the complete opposite view. That by denying those roles to Mary, we are falling into the patriarchal trap that those roles are "less than" and we are denying Mary, as a woman, half of who she might have been.

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Christ with Mary and Martha Painting by Pieter Aertsen

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