



The Witness

Mary Magdalene Gathering

August 25, 2024

Presented by the Magdalene Community, Houston Texas

Solo: Sister, 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.

Solo: Mary, we know the Savior loved you more than any other.

Unison: Tell us what he shared.



We only have fragments of
the Gospel of Mary

The same pages are missing



IF YOU GO AWAY

*** If you go away on this
summer day
then you might as well
take the sun away**

Now from the sixth
hour There was
darkness over all
the land

And behold, the
curtain of the
temple was torn in
two, from top to
bottom

And the earth
shook and the
rocks were split

If you go away..

* When our love was new
and our hearts were high
when the day was young
and the night was long
and the moon stood still
for the night birds' song...

They took palm branches
and went out to meet him,
shouting, "Hosanna!"
"Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!"
"Blessed is the king of
Israel!"

"The Lord," he says, "loved
Mary more than the
disciples and he often
kissed her on the mouth.."

And Peter said, "Sister, we
know that the lord has
loved you differently from
other women."

Matthew, the 1st-century synoptic Gospel author, reported two earthquakes in Jerusalem in 33 A.D. These are the Jerusalem earthquakes of April 3 at the crucifixion of Christ (Matt. 27:51), and April 5 at the resurrection of Christ (Matt. 28:2). Luke, a 1st-century physician and historian, reported a smaller earthquake in the summer at the gathered assembly (Acts 4:31). The persistent 33 A.D. seismite indicates the biggest 33 A.D. earthquake was MM-6.0. This biggest earthquake was likely April 3, 33 A.D. that startled city residents and caused moderate damage, especially to the western side of Temple Mount. Pivots of two, 20-m-high, metal doors of the Temple appear to have been damaged, and the 20-m-high curtain in front of the doors was torn, likely by displacement of the lintel of the Temple during the earthquake.

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* If you go away...

as I know you will
you must tell the world
to stop turning til you
return again
if you ever do

For what good is love
without loving you.

Can I tell you now as
you turn to go
I'll be dying slowly 'til
the next hello

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."

If you go away...

If you go away
as I know you must
there'll be nothing left
in the world to trust

When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will be tray me—one who is eating with me.”

And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.”

“Am I leading a rebellion” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.”

Then everyone deserted him and fled.



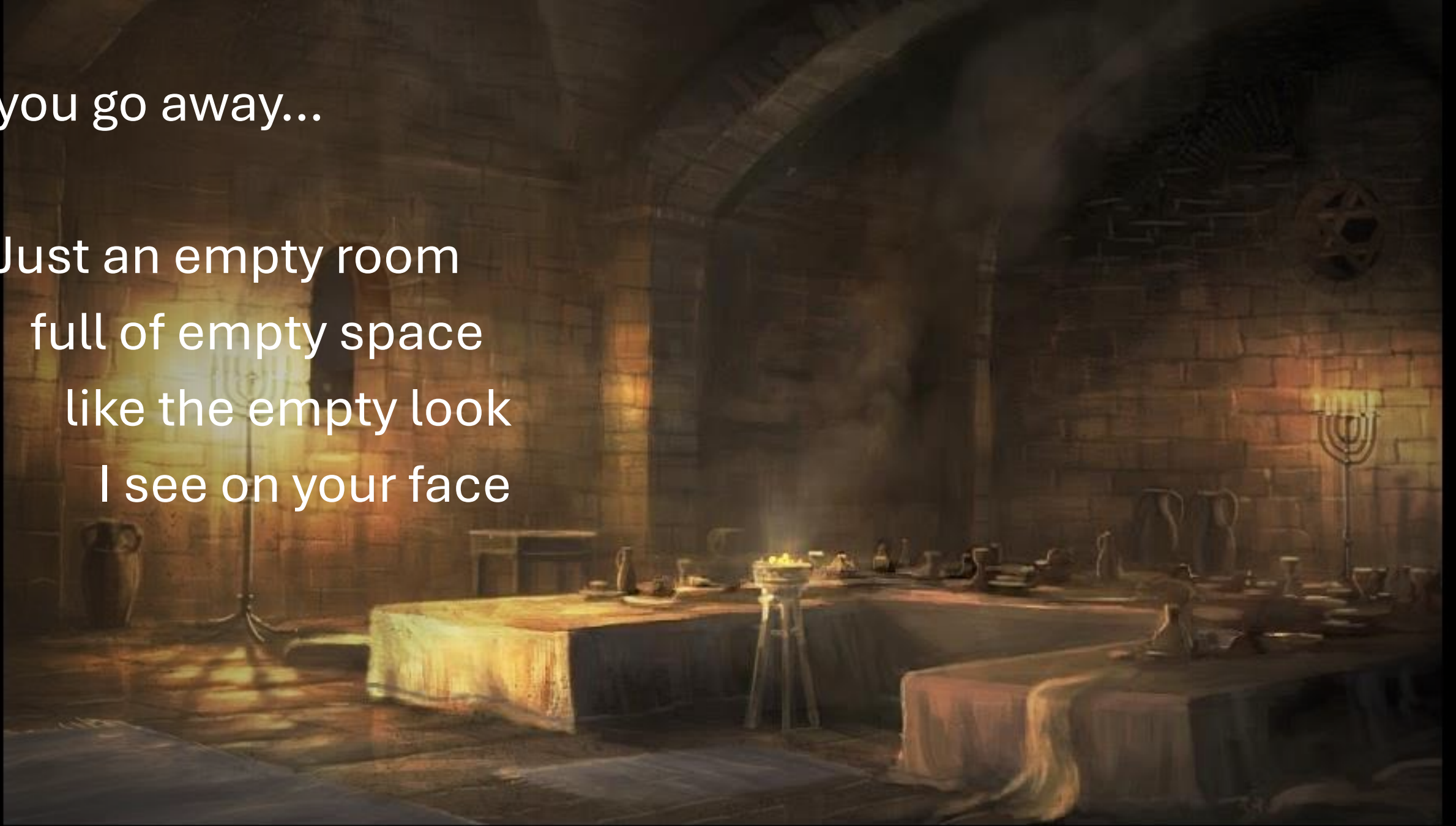
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Then Mary grieved and
said to Peter, “My
brother Peter, what do
you think? Do you think
that I thought this up
myself in my heart or
that I am lying
concerning the Savior?”

If you go away...

Just an empty room
full of empty space
like the empty look
I see on your face



If you go away,
I'd have been the
shadow of your
dog

If I thought you might
have kept me by
your side

“”I saw the Lord in a
vision and I said to him,
“Lord, I saw you today in
a vision”.

He answered and said
to me, “Blessed are you,
since you did not waver
at the sight of me.”

"Did he then speak
secretly with a
woman, in preference
to us, and not openly?"

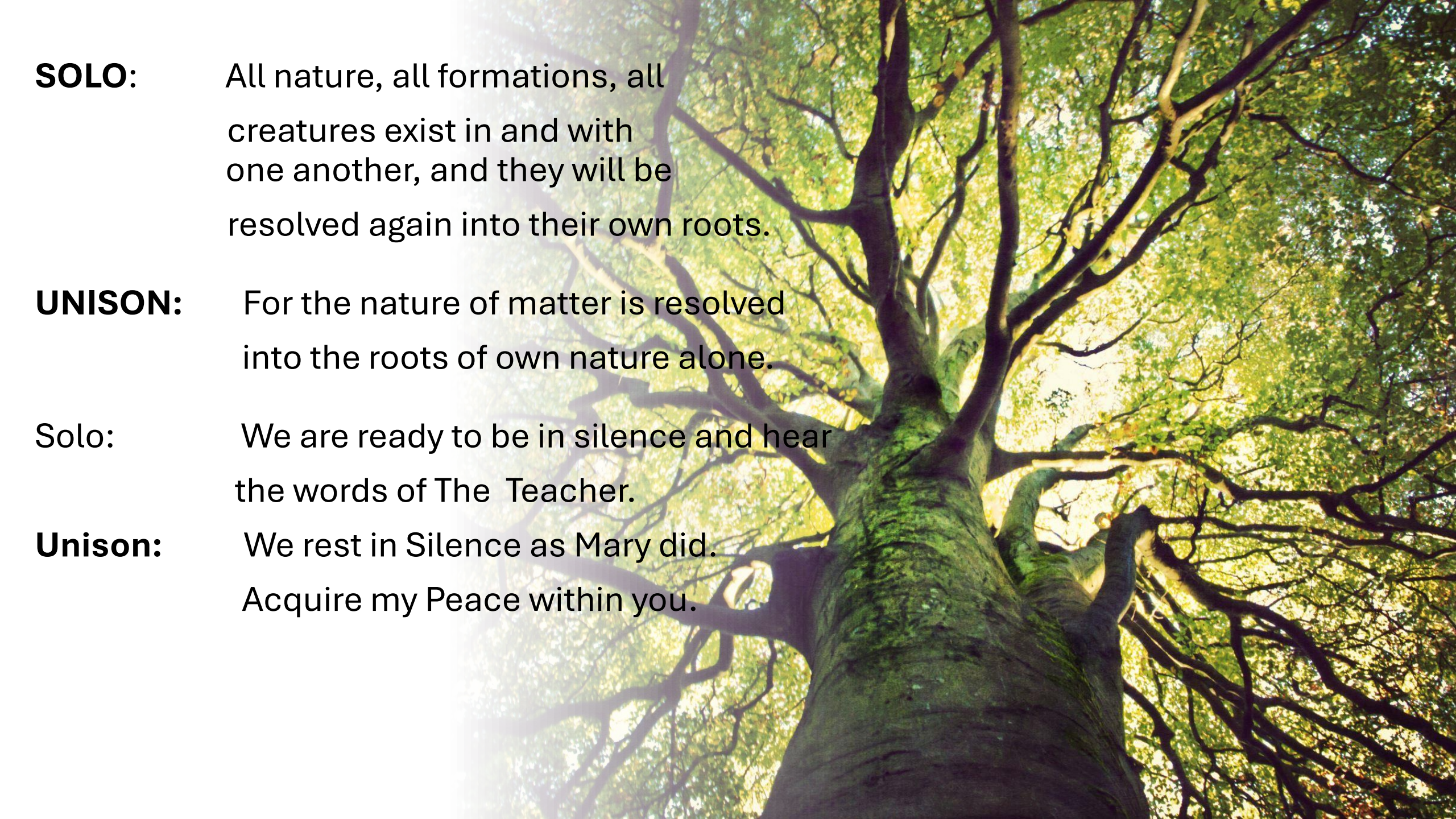
Are we to abandon our
customs and all listen
to her?"

Are We?



Reflections and Requests





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 own nature alone.

Solo: We are ready to be in silence and hear the words of The Teacher.

Unison: We rest in Silence as Mary did.
Acquire my Peace within you.

The Witness

His story became History. Her story became Heresy.

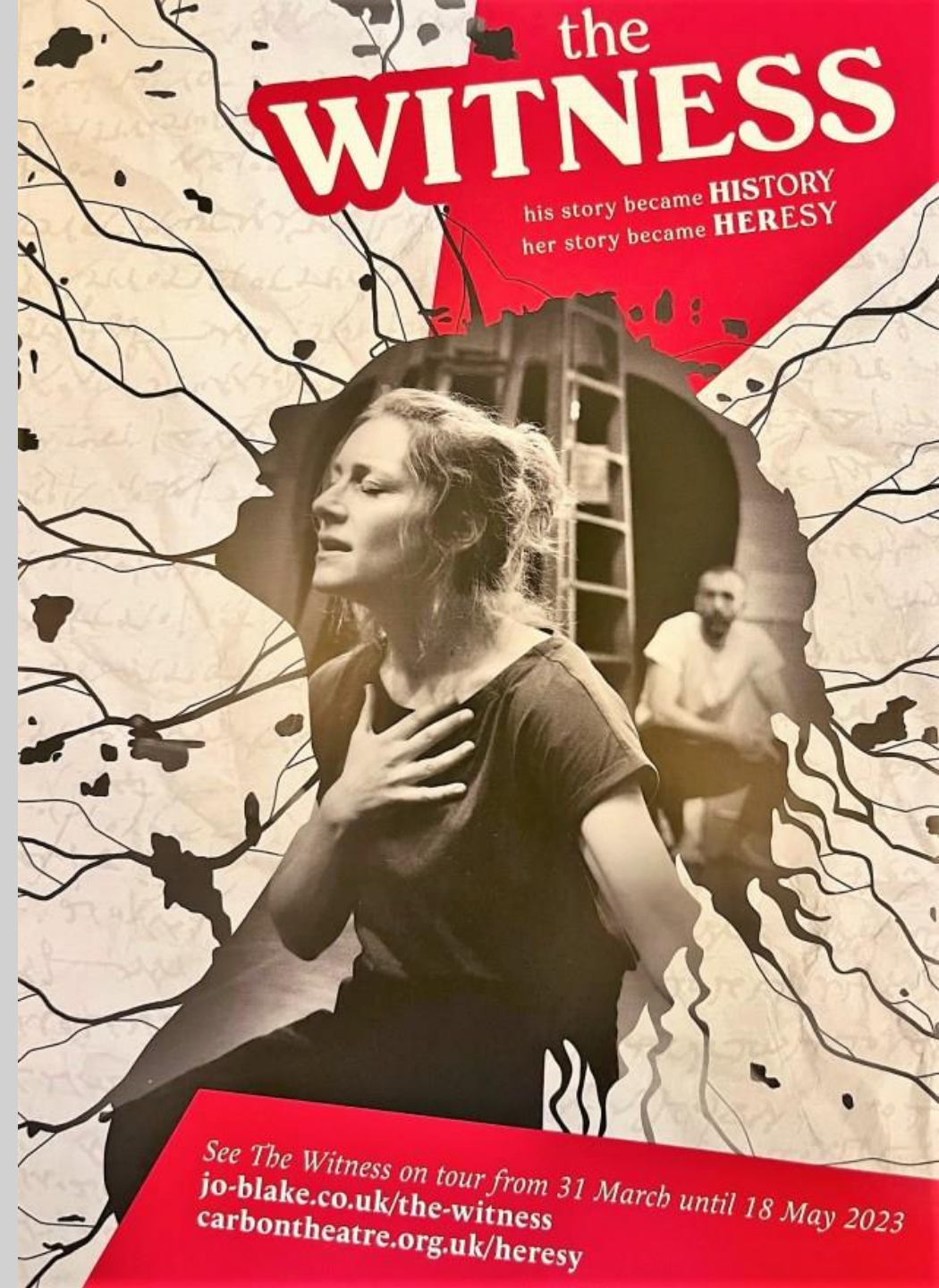
The sacred and profane collide in a new performance by interdisciplinary artist Jo Blake, inspired by the Gospel of Mary Magdalene.

By Jo Blake

* If You Go Away

Song by Jacques Brel

English lyrics by Rod McKuen



**Our next Magdalene Gathering will be
On September 29, 2024
3:00 p.m.**