


# Magdalene Gathering

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**Let us take a few  
moments to quiet  
our minds and  
gently open our  
heart**

# CALL TO SILENCE AND OPENING MEDITATION

**Solo:** Peace be with You

**Unison:** Acquire My Peace Within You

**Solo:** The Good has come among us

**Unison:** The Real of the Good

The Realm of our Image

The Real of our True Humanity

**Solo:** Blessed be the Divine Teachers

**Unison:** The Blessed Ones of Perfect Peace

**Solo:** How do we acquire the Perfect Peace?

**Unison:** Look within!

**Solo:** Not over here

**Unison:** Not over there. But within. The child  
of True Humanity is within us.



Dogwoods in  
bloom





# Palm Sunday

But hosanna and alleluia  
are not the same.

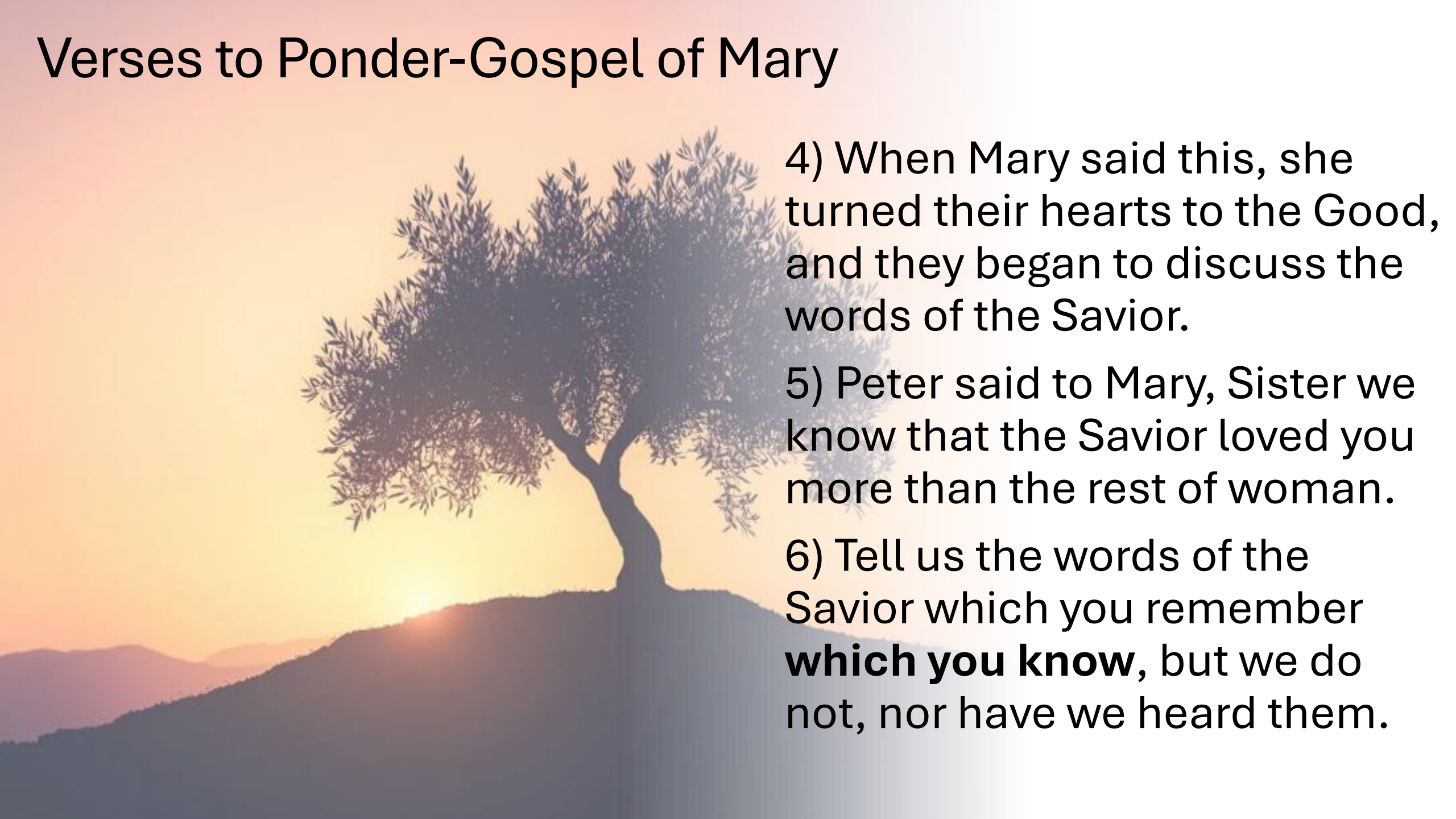
Hosanná is a  
transliteration of the  
Hebrew term (hôsî-âh-na)  
meaning "Oh, save now!"  
or "Please save!"

Diana Butler Bass

Sunday Musings

Palm Sunday 2025

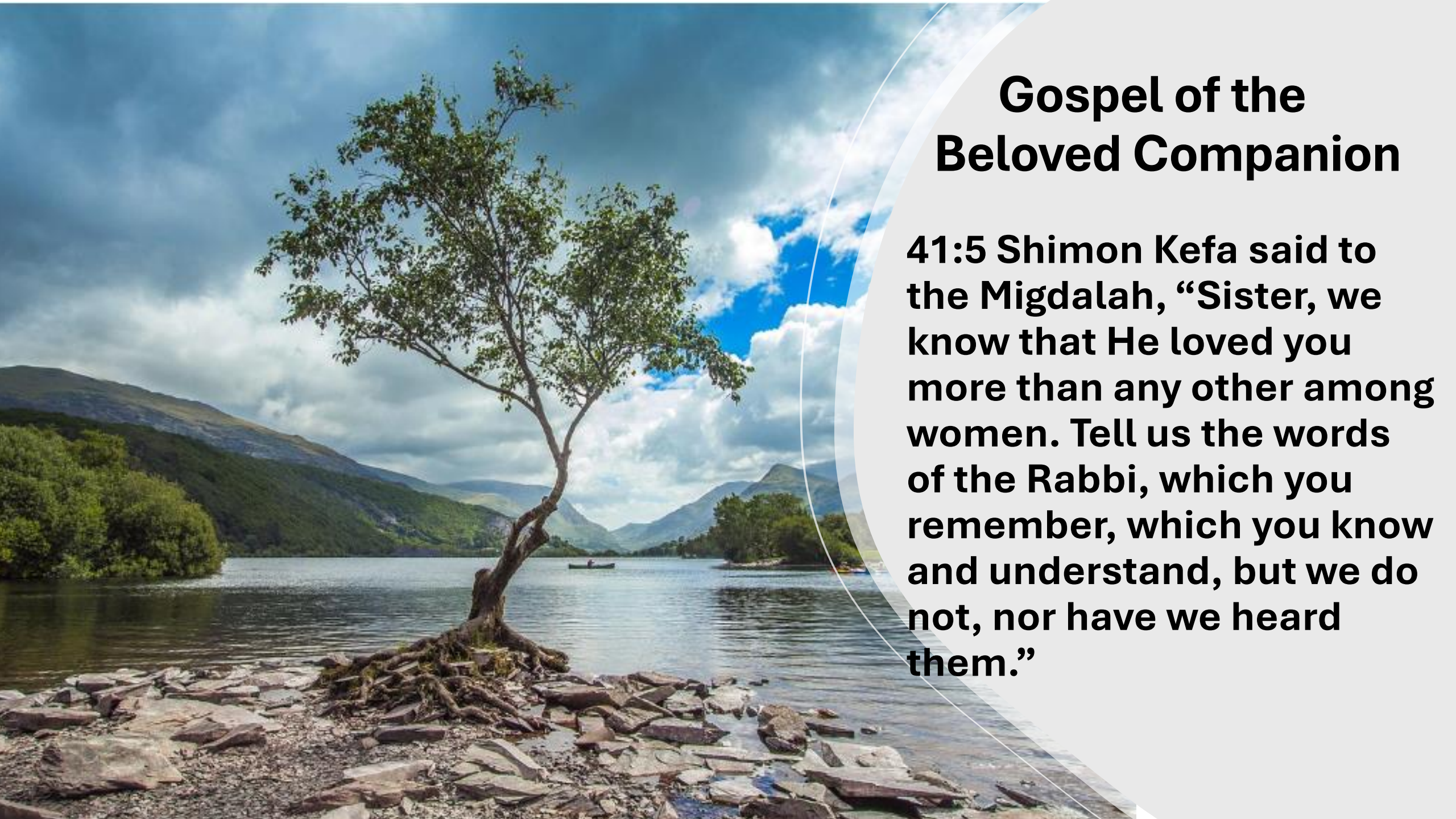
# Verses to Ponder-Gospel of Mary

A silhouette of a large, spreading tree on a hill against a sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The tree is the central focus, with its branches reaching out across the frame. The background shows rolling hills and a clear sky.

4) When Mary said this, she turned their hearts to the Good, and they began to discuss the words of the Savior.

5) Peter said to Mary, Sister we know that the Savior loved you more than the rest of woman.

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



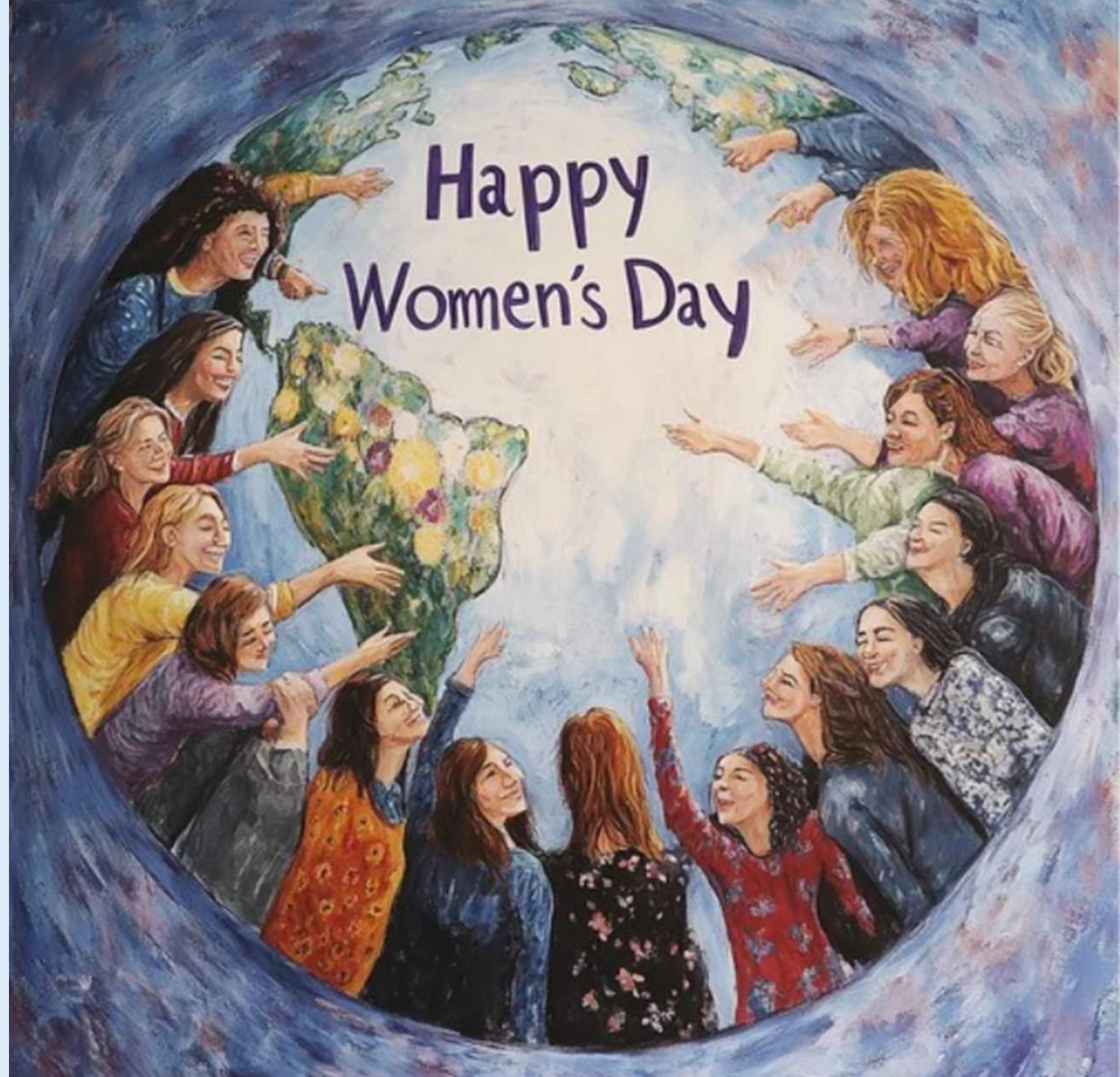
## **Gospel of the Beloved Companion**

**41:5 Shimon Kefa said to the Migdalah, “Sister, we know that He loved you more than any other among women. Tell us the words of the Rabbi, which you remember, which you know and understand, but we do not, nor have we heard them.”**

# March

## A month of Celebrating Women

**The one experience that repeats throughout the history of women...or anyone who threatened the perceived authority...and did not have power.**





**SILENCED BY SYSTEMS**

**SILENCED BY TRUST**

**SILENCED BY SHAME**

**SILENCED BY CIRCUMSTANCES**



**Laurence des Cars** – President-Director of the Louvre, resigned four months after Louvre heist. She had repeated **heist concerns and security issues to her higher ups** since she took office in 2021.

In remarks after the theft, she described the moment as a "tragic, brutal, violent reality" for the Louvre and said that, as the person in charge, it had felt right to offer her resignation.

**Gisele Pelicot**, Avignon, France, Unbeknownst to her, was repeatedly drugged and r–ped by her husband and 50 of his friends. After she recorded this, she would not testify unless the state agreed to have the trial publicized.

**"The shame is theirs"**, she said of the men accused of raping her.



"I say it's not bravery, it's will and determination to change society."



**SILENCED FOR A CAUSE**

- **Dolores Huerta**, American labor activist and leader who co-founded the United Farm Workers with Cesar Chavez brought forth allegations that she was sexually abused by Cesar Chavez, as a result, had children by him.

- **“I have kept this secret long enough. My silence ends here.”**

- My heart aches for everyone who suffered alone and in silence for years,” and “His actions do not reflect the values of our community or our movement.”



# Attempts to Silence Mary

# Pistis Sophia

Peter's frustration with Mary's prominence boils over multiple times. At one point, he complains to Jesus, **“My Lord, we are not able to endure this woman... she takes the opportunity from us and does not allow any of us to speak, but she speaks many times.”**

Jesus gently rebukes Peter. He affirms that anyone filled with the Spirit of Light has the right to come forward and speak. Here again, spiritual readiness, **not gender or rank**, is what matters.



# Gospel of Thomas

(114) Simon Peter said to him,  
"**Let Mary leave us**, for women  
are not worthy of life."

Jesus said, "I myself shall lead her  
in order to make her male, so that  
she too may become a living spirit  
resembling you males.

For every woman who will make  
herself male will enter the  
kingdom of heaven."

# The Gospel of Mary

2) But Andrew answered and said to the brethren, Say what you wish to say about what she has said. I at least do not believe that the Savior said this. For certainly these teachings are strange ideas.

3) Peter answered and spoke concerning these same things.

4) He 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?**



REFLECTIONS

CONVERSATION

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



PRAYER  
REQUESTS



*May God bless us with discomfort – discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.*

*May God bless us with anger – anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*May God bless us with tears – tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.*

*And may God bless us with foolishness – enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.*

*– A Franciscan blessing*

# CLOSING DIALOGUE

Solo: Peace be with you.

Unison: Acquire my peace with you.

Solo: My Peace I have with you

Unison: My Peace I give to you

Solo: Let not your hearts be troubled

Unison: Neither let them be afraid

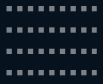
Solo: God shelters you.

Unison: And prepared us as true human beings

Solo: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

Unison: Thanks be to God





# Divine vs Sacred

Discussion for a gathering?



Our next Gathering will be on  
Sunday April 26, 2026

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