

Mary Magdalene: Apostle of the Resurrection?

Write a short essay comparing Mary Magdalene to one of the Apostles. Support any comparison you make with a Gospel and verses about the Apostle.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines *apostle* in this way: "Apostle is a term meaning one who is *sent* as Jesus was sent by the Father, and as he sent his chosen disciples to preach the Gospel to the whole world. He called the Twelve to become his Apostles, chosen witnesses of his Resurrection and the foundation on which the Church is built" (857).

Consider these topics for both Mary Magdalene and the Apostle:

- How is this person an Apostle of Jesus? (Provide the book and verses that support this for both Mary Magdalene and the other Apostle.)
- Name a miracle of Jesus that Mary and the other Apostle either witnesses or experiences.
- What effect does Jesus have on this person's life? Is there a change in attitude, a life-altering experience?
- Is this person present during most of Jesus' ministry? What significant events does he or she witness?
- Is this person devoted to Jesus?

After doing this initial work, conclude your essay by answering this question:

- Is the title Apostle of the Resurrection an appropriate one for Mary Magdalene? Why or why not?

