

MARY MAGDALENE STAINED GLASS DESIGNS

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Stained Glass Window 1245:
Wiping Tears

Pictorial *stained glass windows* depicting *Mary Magdalene* tend to show her in the company of the Savior. Scenes that may serve as inspiration for stained glass artists include *Mary anointing the Lord's feet*, Mary discovering the *empty tomb* or encountering *Jesus in His resurrected form*, and Mary having her sins forgiven by Christ. *Mary Magdalene* is first mentioned in the Bible as a notorious sinner. After meeting Jesus she felt remorse for her actions, and when *she asked for forgiveness Jesus* did not hesitate to grant it. This regret earned her the title "*Mary the Penitent.*" Ecclesiastic *stained glass windows* depicting *Mary Magdalene* can help illustrate for the faithful that Jesus grants us all the same forgiveness when we are repentant and sincerely intend to change our ways.

THE STORY OF MARY MAGDALENE

Although her role in the life of Jesus may be relatively minor compared to the Apostles, *Mary Magdalene* is one of the most frequently mentioned women in the *Bible*. It was Mary who was present when Jesus was *crucified* and *buried*. She was among the women who visited *Christ's tomb to find it empty*, and many believe that Mary was the first person to whom Jesus appeared in *His resurrected form*.

The Gospel of Luke states that the beautiful yet sinful Mary was cured of seven demons after she began



Stained Glass Window 1500:
Rabboni!

THE STORY OF MARY MAGDALENE CONTINUED

to regret her life of vice. At the house of Simon, **Mary wept at the Savior's feet and anointed them with costly perfume while asking for forgiveness.** Showing His divine and loving nature, Jesus said to her: "Your faith has made you safe; go in peace." After receiving forgiveness and salvation from Jesus, Mary stayed by His side. **She was there as He died on the cross,** presumably filled with despair as she watched the Savior suffer. After He was taken off the cross by Joseph of Arimathea and brought to His tomb, Mary went there on the following Sunday to anoint His body with spices. It was then that she discovered **Christ's resting place empty.** She felt sorrow and began to weep, but that despair soon turned to joy when she heard the **risen Savior call out her name.**

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