



St. Mary Magdalene: Apostle to the Apostles

**St. Anthony on the Lake Parish
Presented by Al McCauley
Tuesday, June 23, 2026**



12 times in the Gospels

Listed first

Cross and Tomb*

Mary Magdalene in the Cave
Hugues Merle (1868)





***“A woman's hair is a net that
snares the soul of a man.”***

-- Monastic Proverb

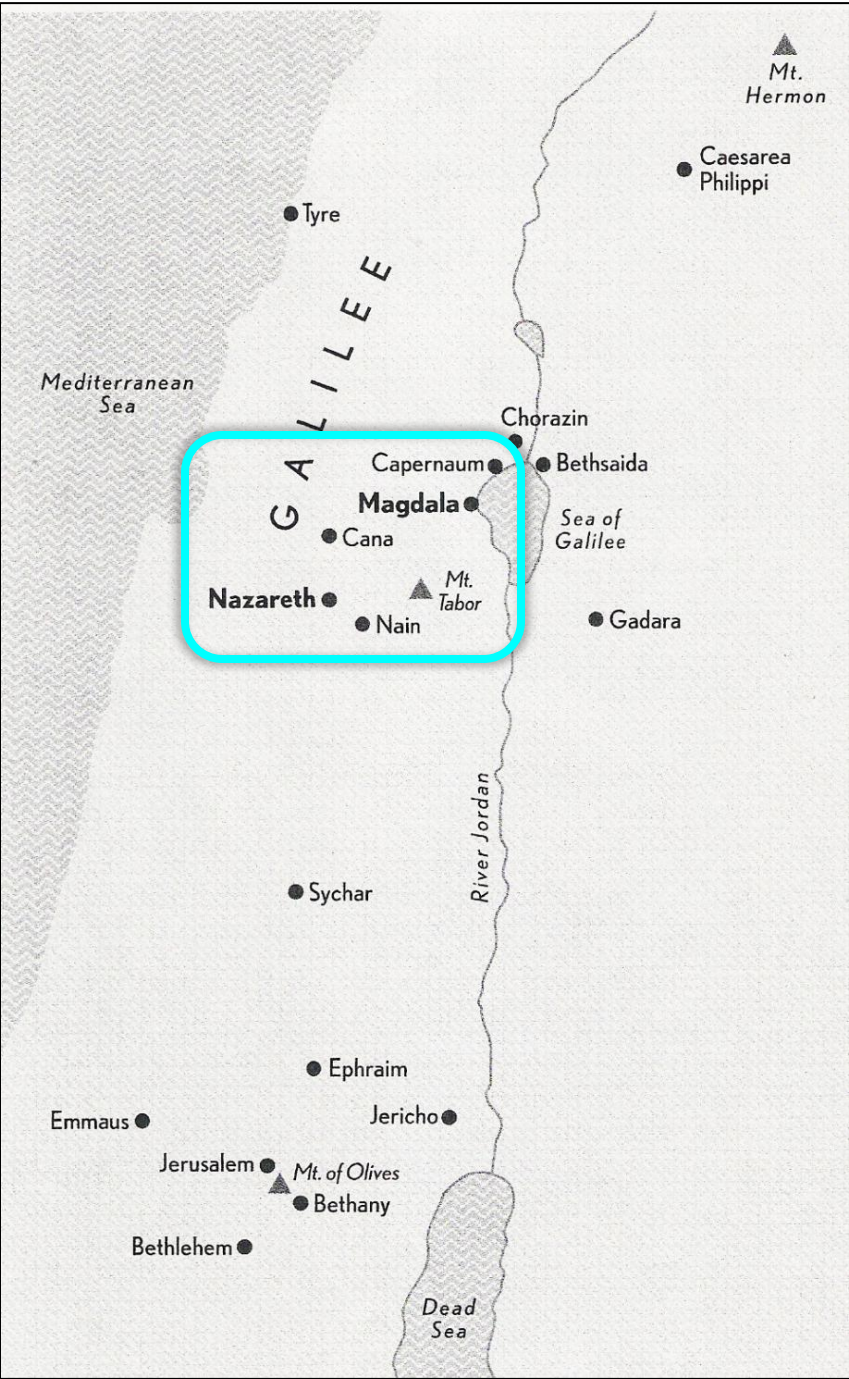
Porphyry of Tyre

c. 234-305

***“Why did Jesus not appear to Pilate,
to Herod, or to the high priest?
[Instead, Jesus] appeared to Mary
Magdalene, a prostitute from some
horrible little village.”***

Against the Christians





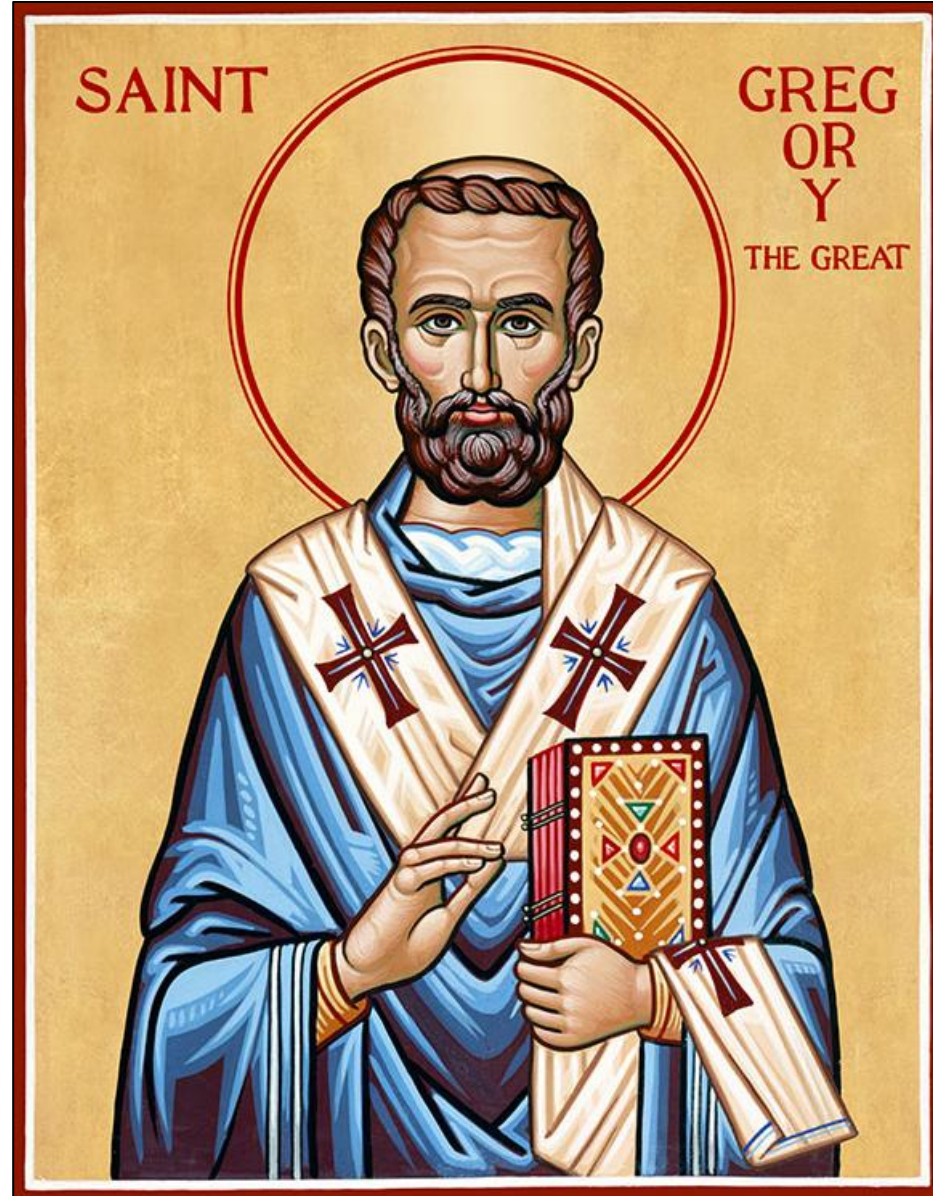
***“...Mary, called Magdalene, from whom
seven demons had gone out.”***

-- Luke 8:2b



Pope St. Gregory the Great

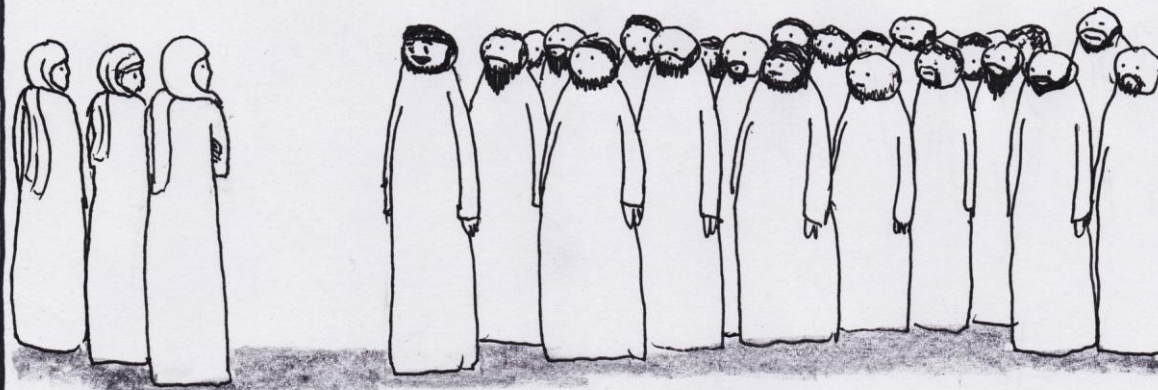
r. 590-604 [Feast Day: September 3]



- LUST**
- PRIDE**
- GREED**
- ENVY**
- GLUTTONY**
- WRATH**
- SLOTH**

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"SO LADIES, THANKS FOR BEING THE FIRST TO WITNESS AND REPORT THE RESURRECTION AND WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE."



CONSIDER:

Have you ever felt misrepresented?

What can you learn about yourself, or about God in such situations?

Earliest Known Depiction of Mary Magdalene

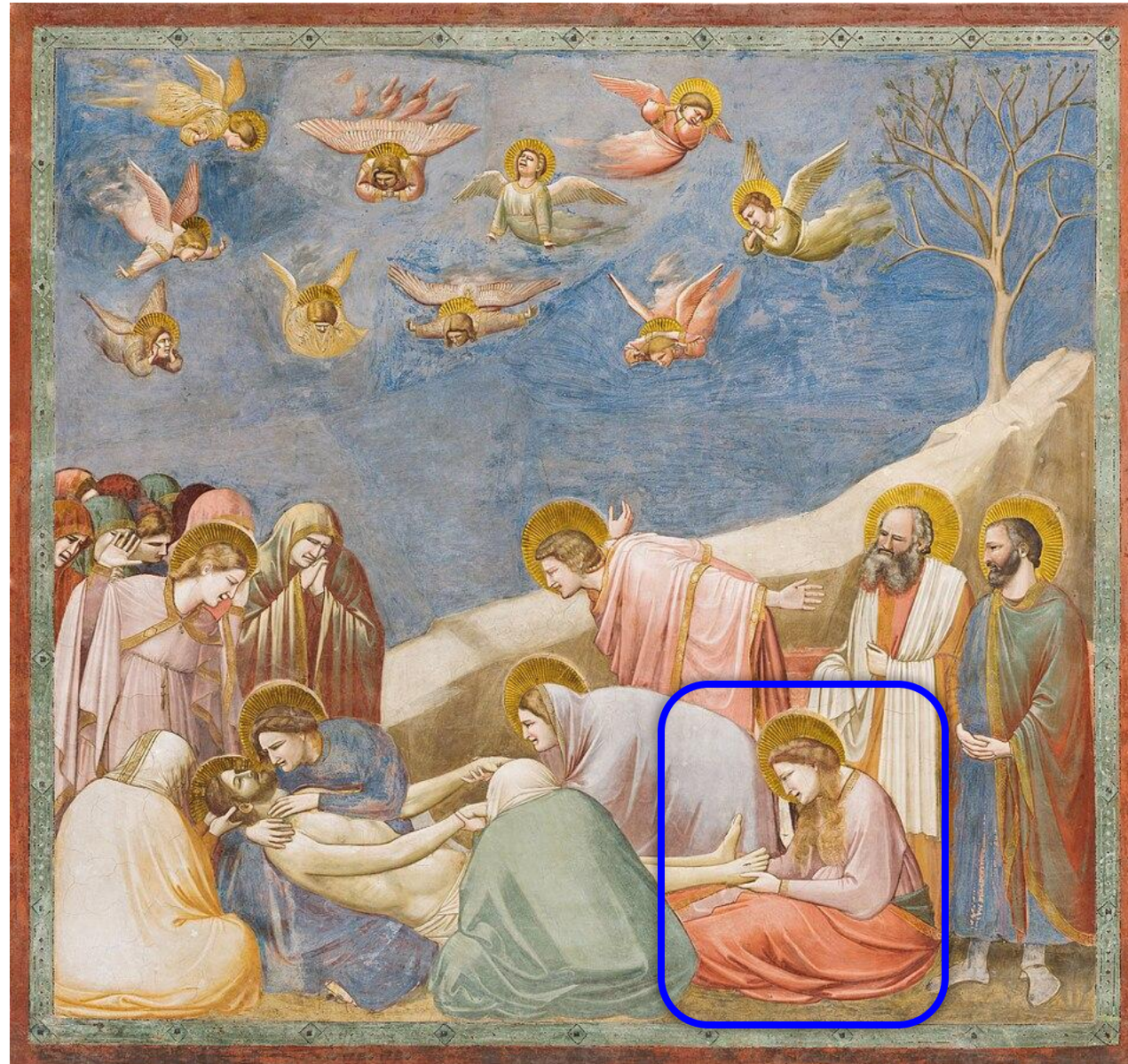
Duras-Europos House Church (present-day Syria)

c. 240-245



Lamentation

Giotto (c. 1306)





Lamentation over the Dead Christ [detail]

Botticelli (c. 1492)



St. Mary Magdalene Reading

Piero di Cosimo (c. 1495)



HAIR

PEARLS

OIL JAR

BIBLE

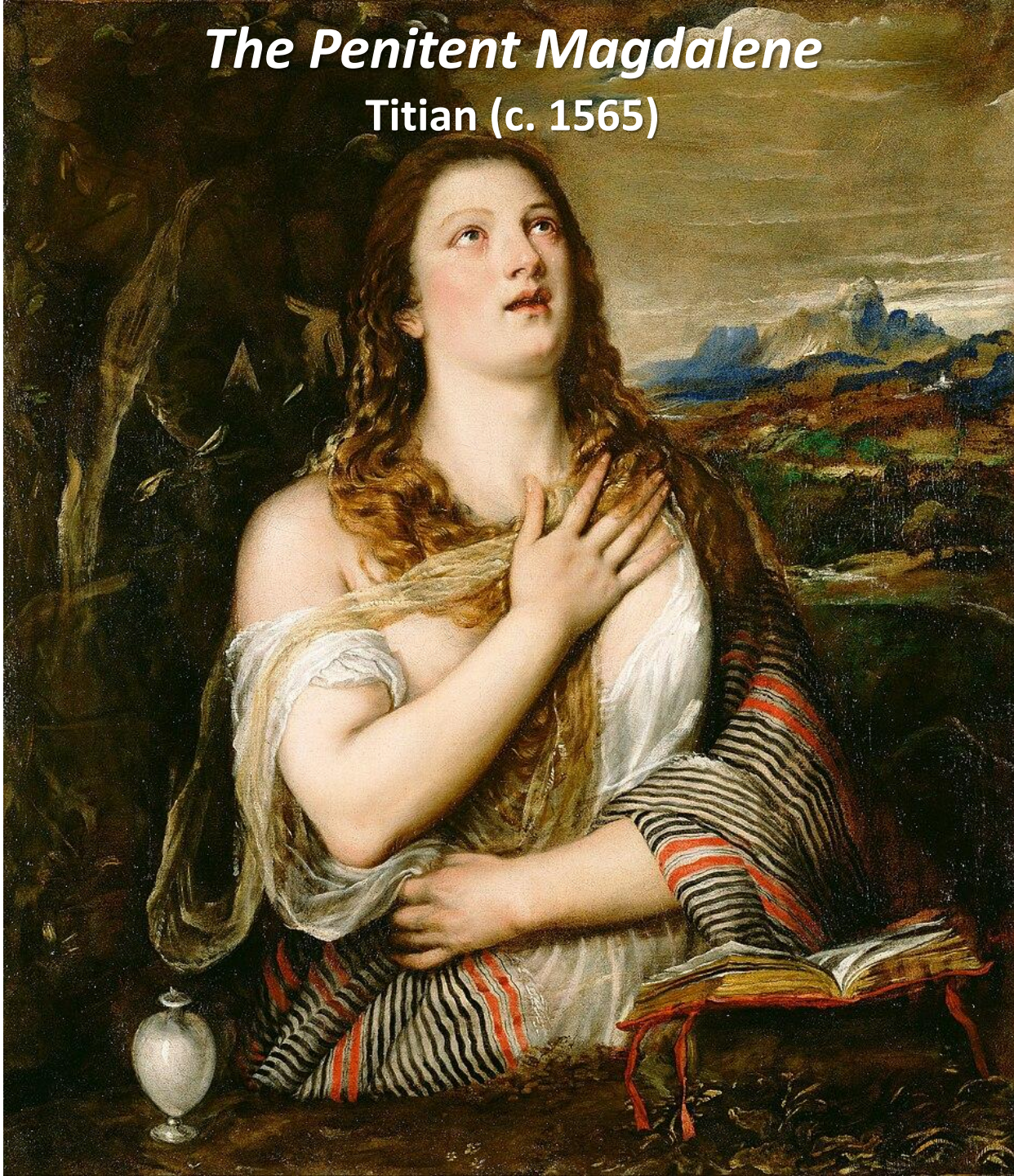
RED

GREEN

GOLD

The Penitent Magdalene

Titian (c. 1565)

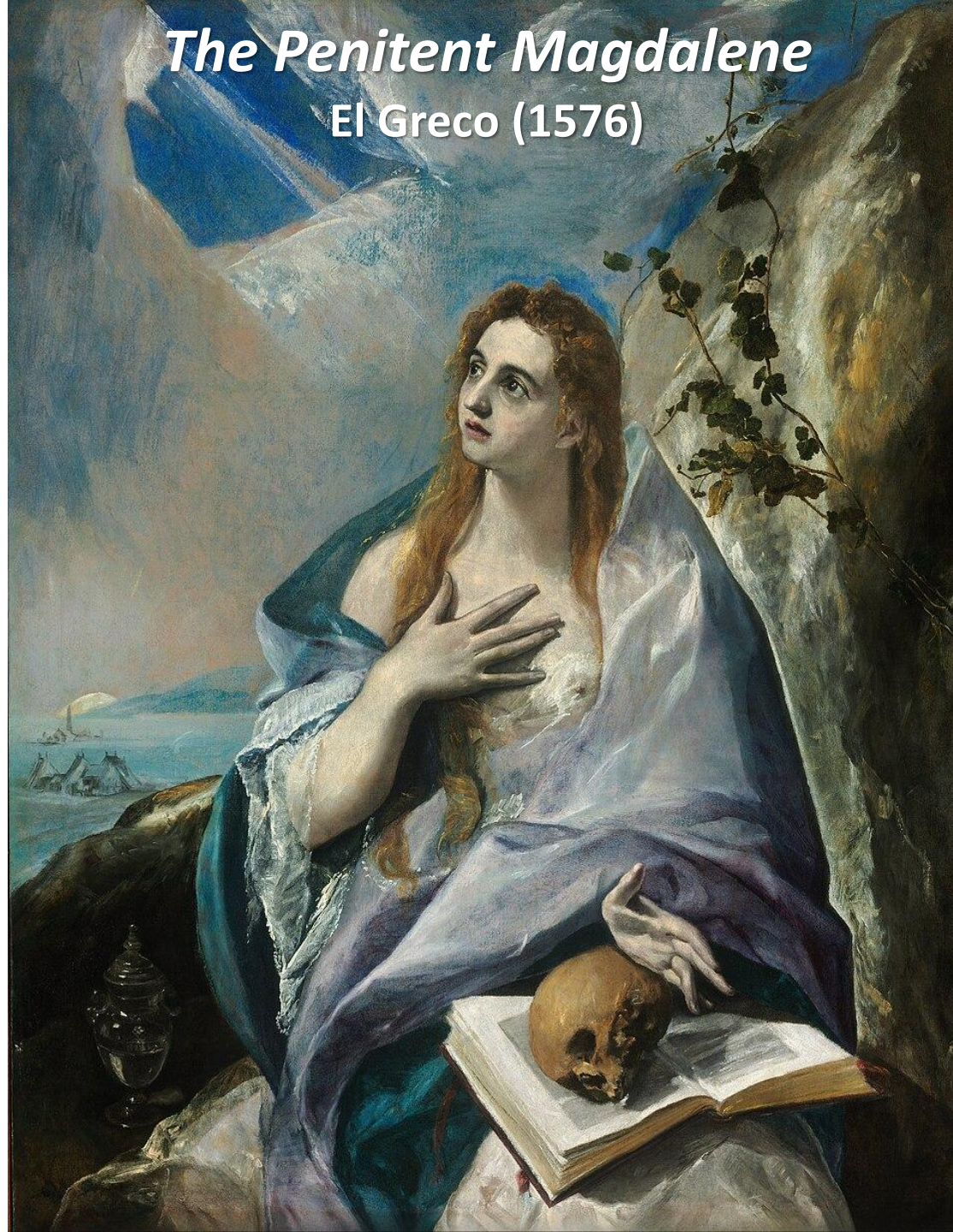


SKIN

TEARS

HAND

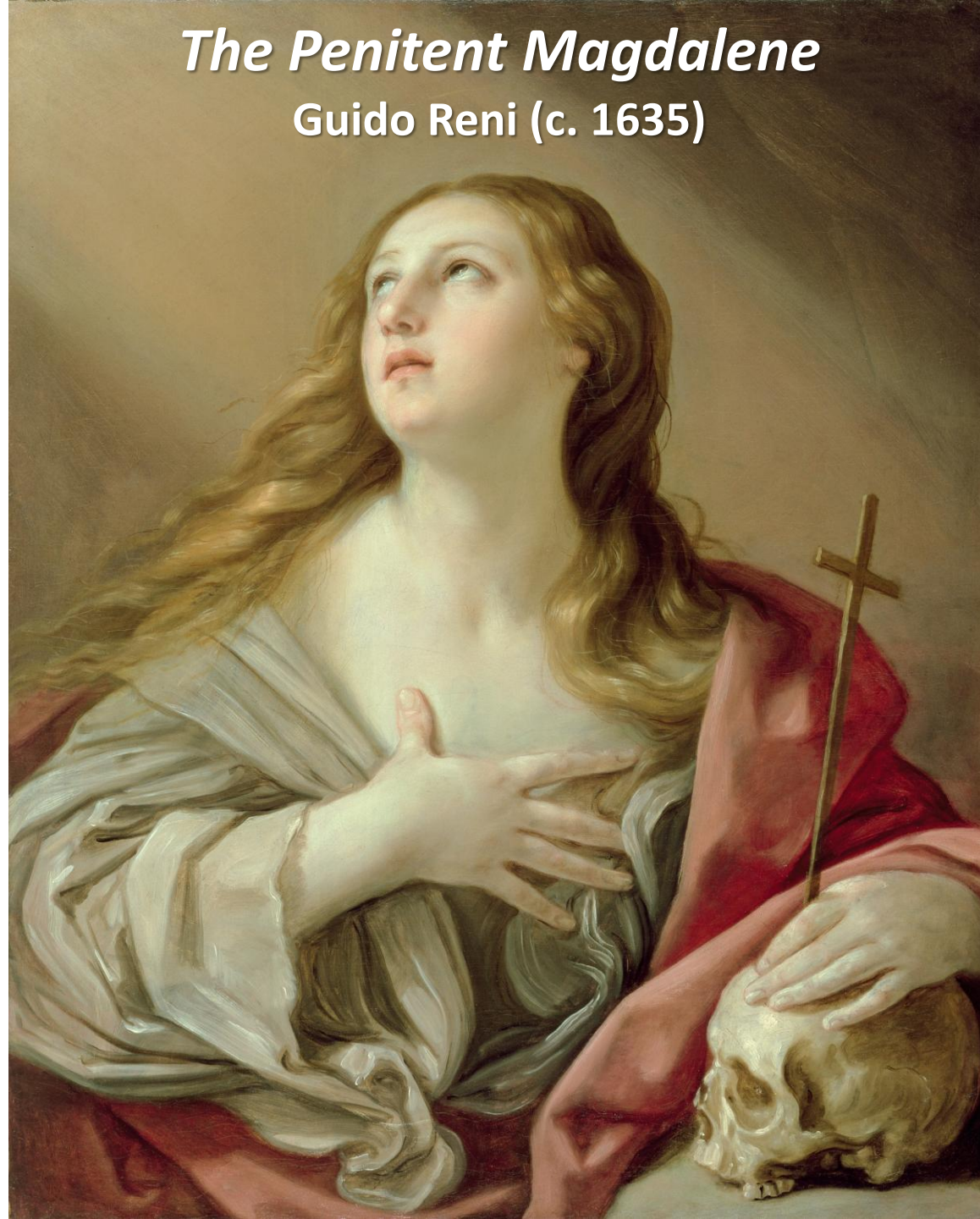
The Penitent Magdalene
El Greco (1576)

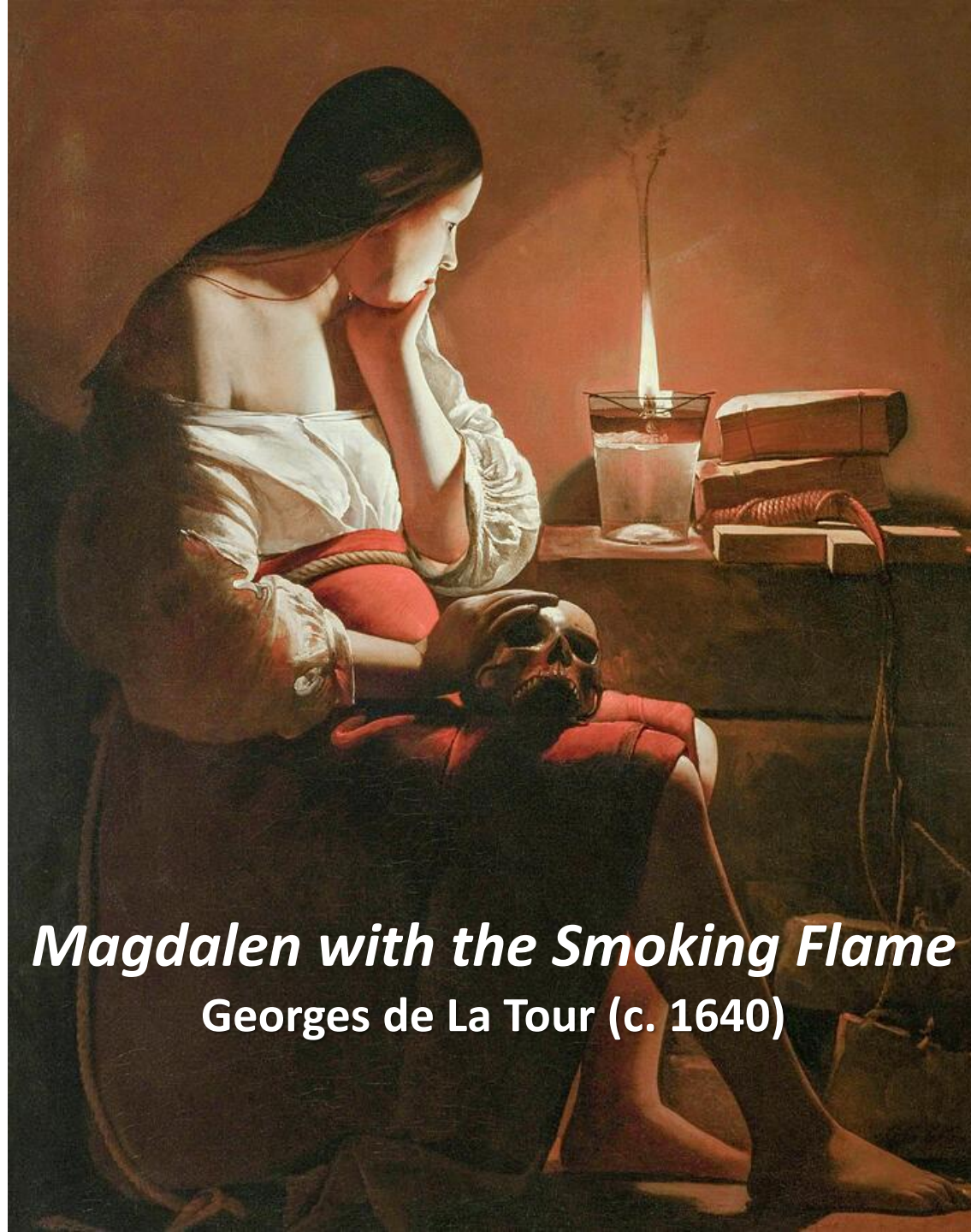


LIGHT
SKULL
TOMB
IVY

The Penitent Magdalene

Guido Reni (c. 1635)





Magdalen with the Smoking Flame
Georges de La Tour (c. 1640)

FLAME

ROPE

BARE FEET

***“Standing by the cross of Jesus were his
mother...and Mary Magdalene.”***

-- John 19:25



“Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?’ She thought it was the **gardener...**”

-- John 20:15a



***“Jesus said to her, ‘Stop holding on to me,
for I have not yet ascended to the Father.’”***

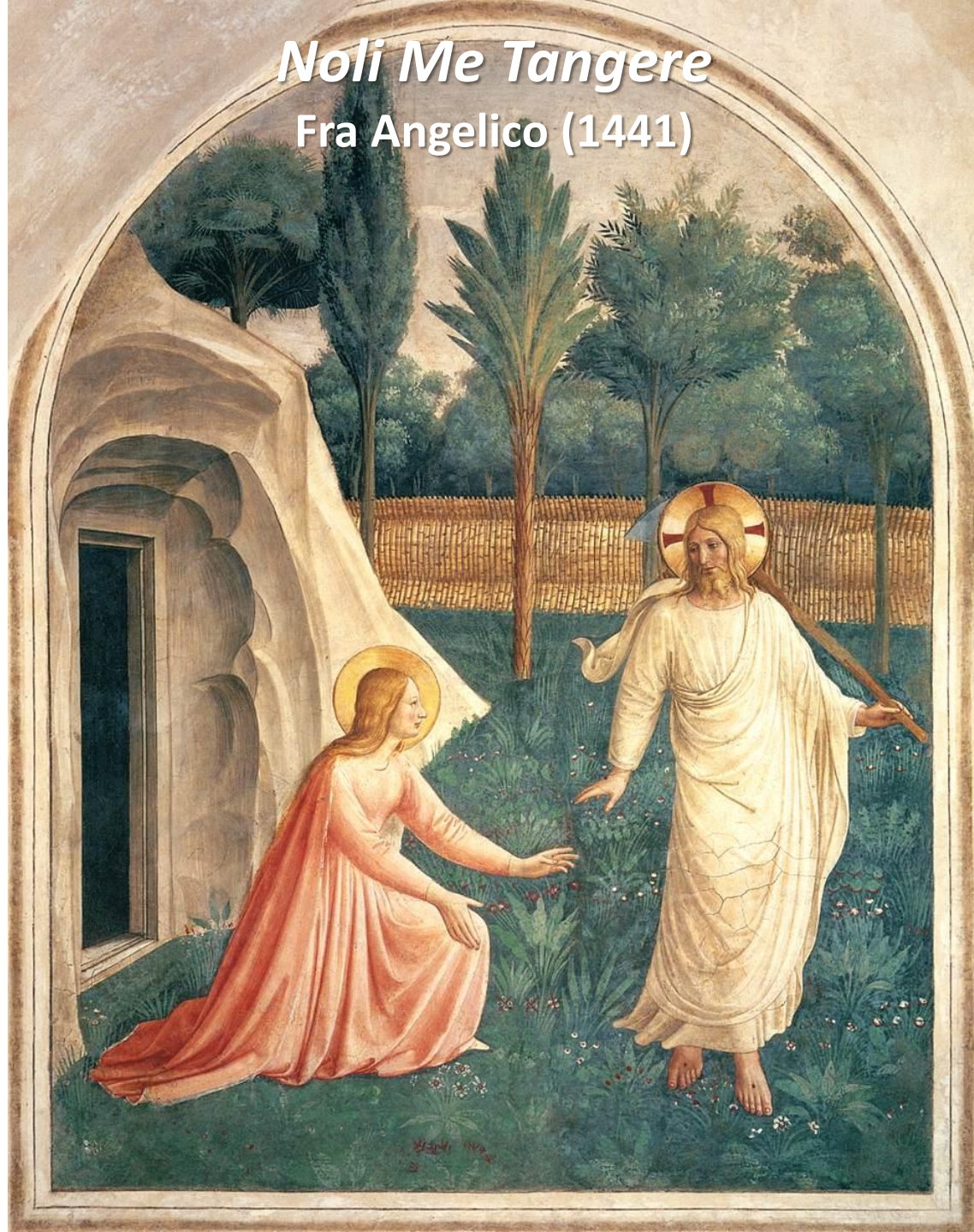
-- John 20:17a



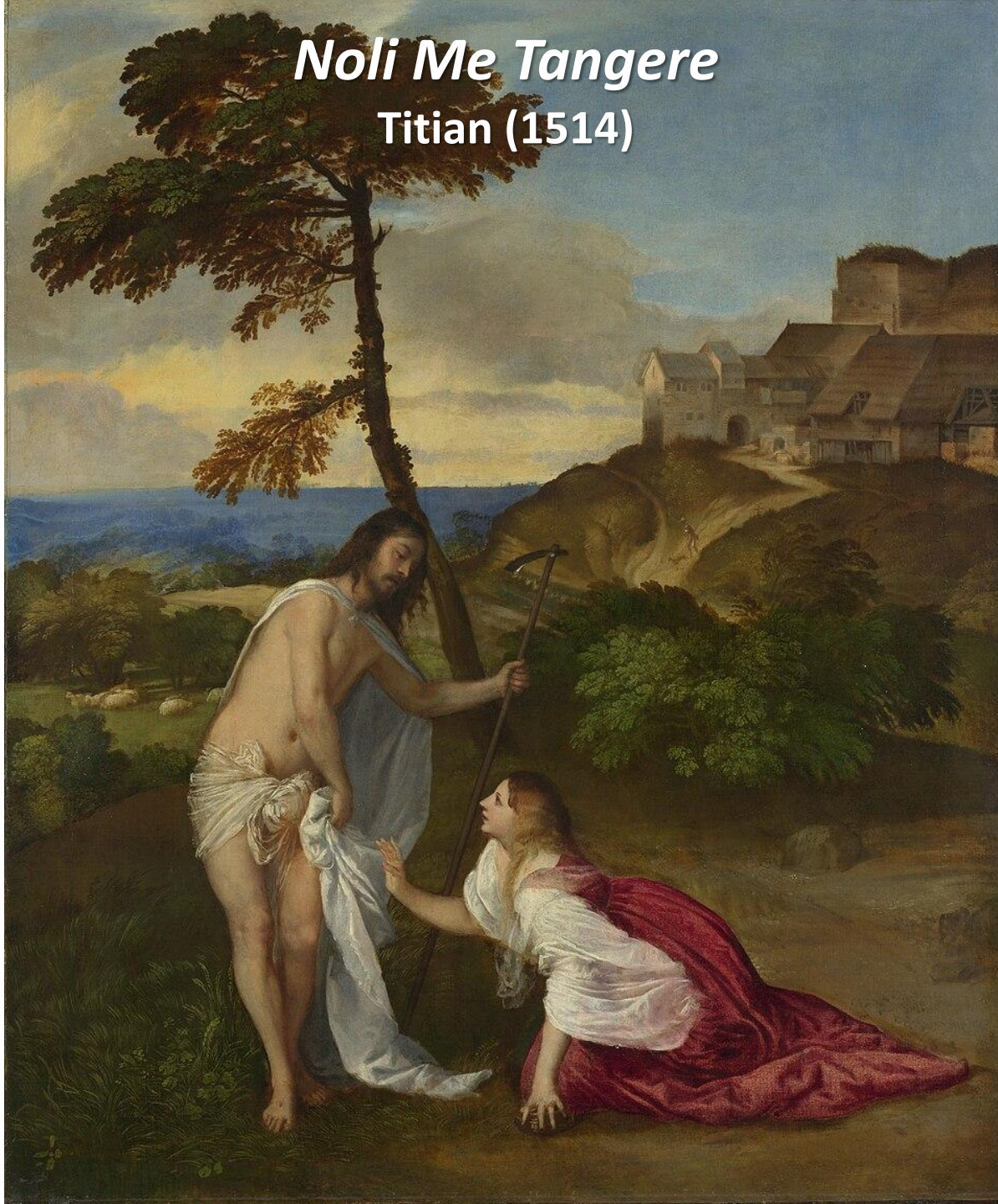
Noli Me Tangere
Giotto (1306)



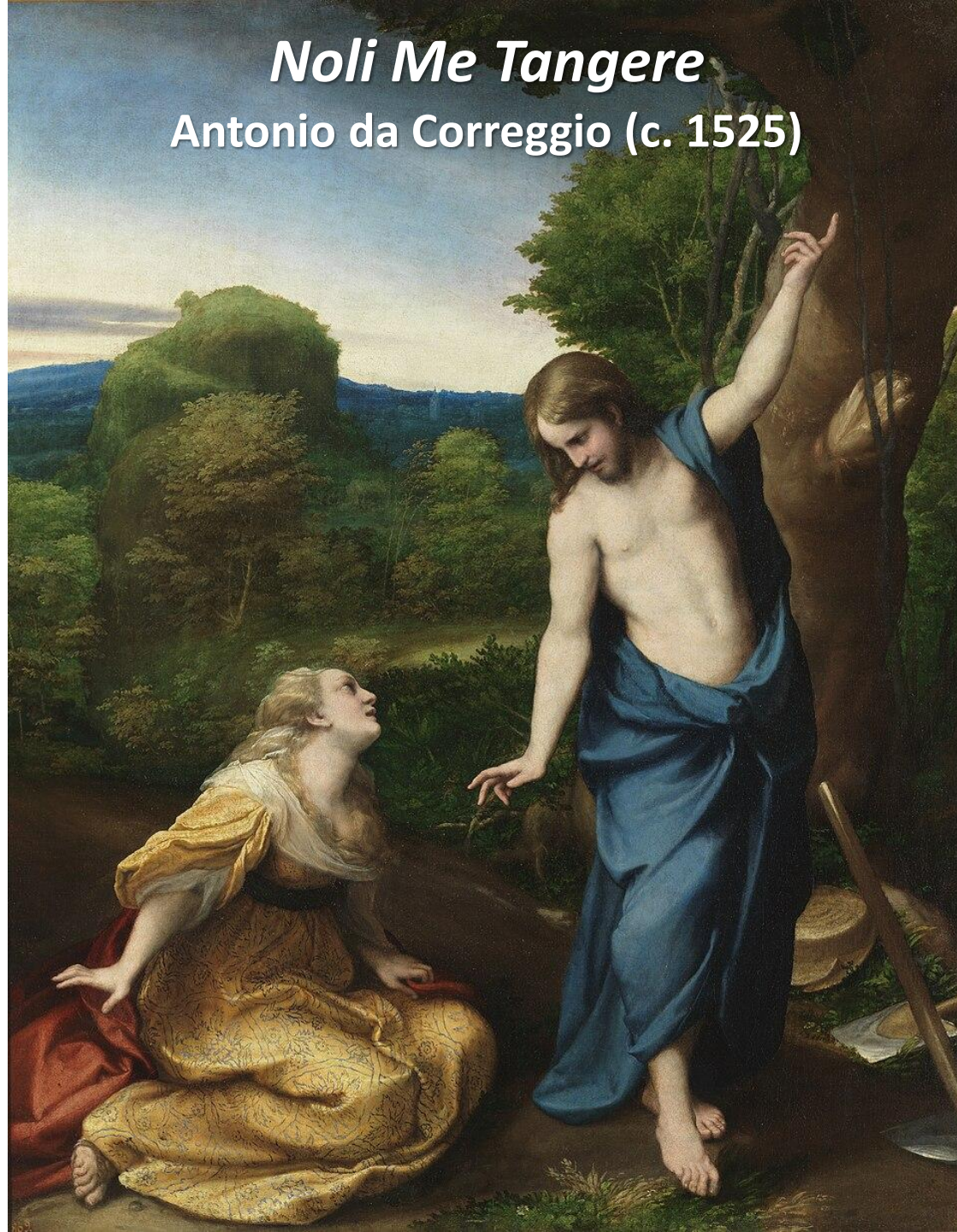
Noli Me Tangere
Fra Angelico (1441)



Noli Me Tangere
Titian (1514)



Noli Me Tangere
Antonio da Correggio (c. 1525)





“...go to my brothers and tell them...”

-- John 20:17b



***“Mary of Magdala went and announced
to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord,’
and what he told her.”***

-- John 20:18





CONSIDER:

What experiences in your life have made you say, *“I have seen the Lord”*?

PETER, COME QUICK! IT HAS RISEN!



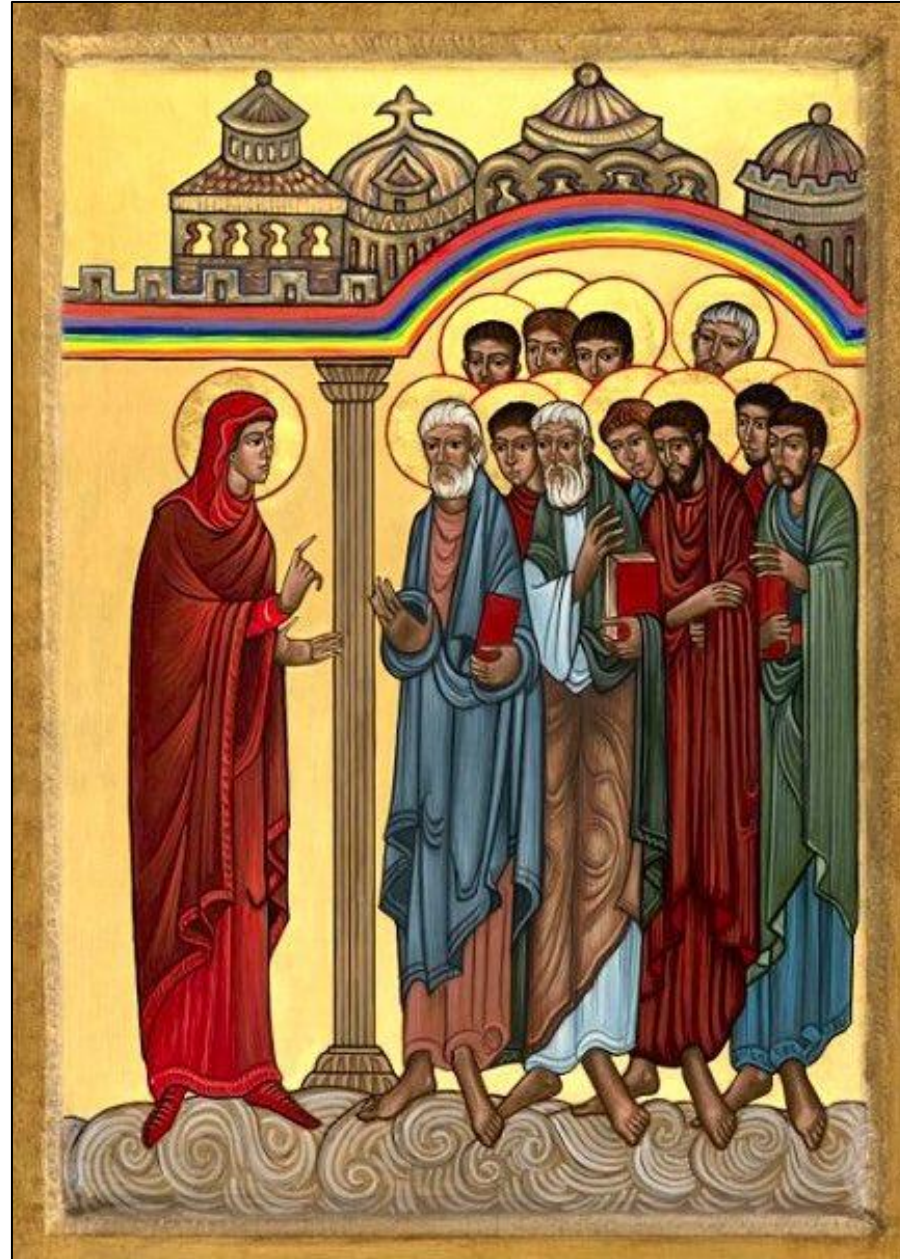
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“Apostle to the Apostles”



Pope St. Paul VI

r. 1963-1978



“Mary Magdalene is presented as a disciple of the Lord who plays a leading role in the Gospels and not as a penitent prostitute.”

**-- Pope Benedict XVI
General Audience
May 17, 2006**

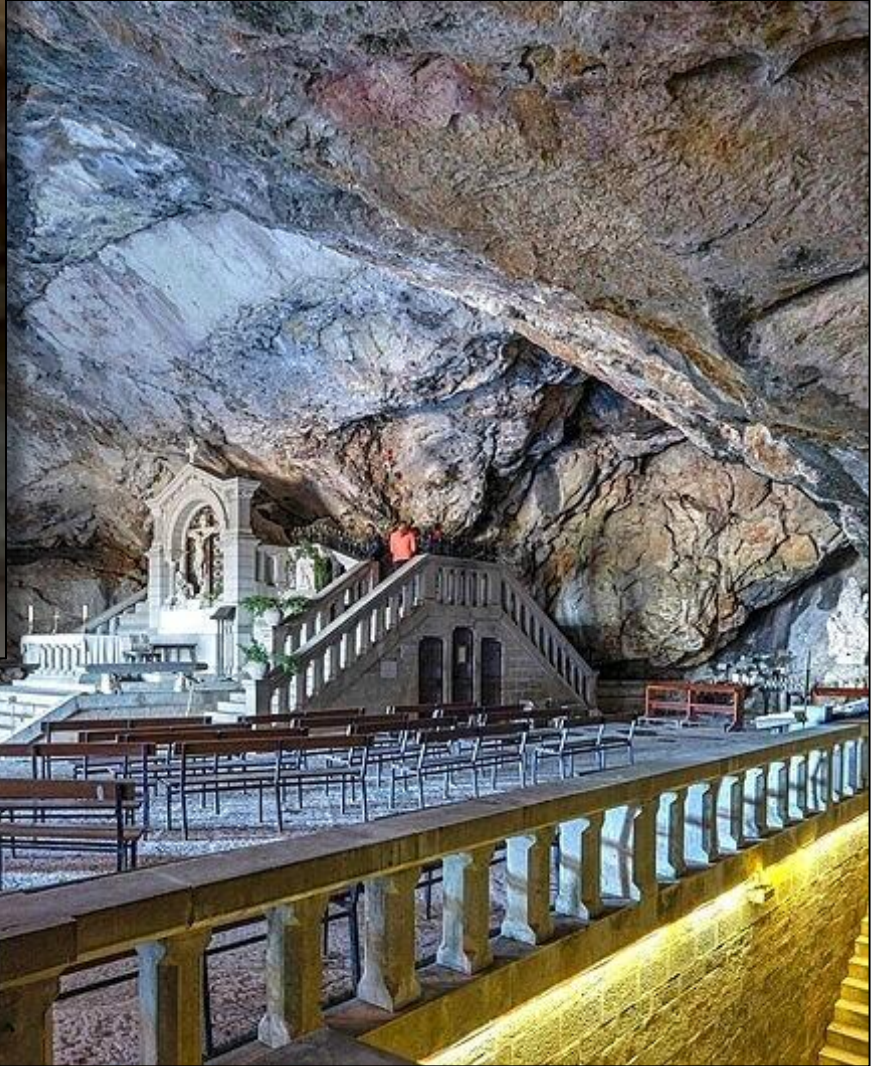




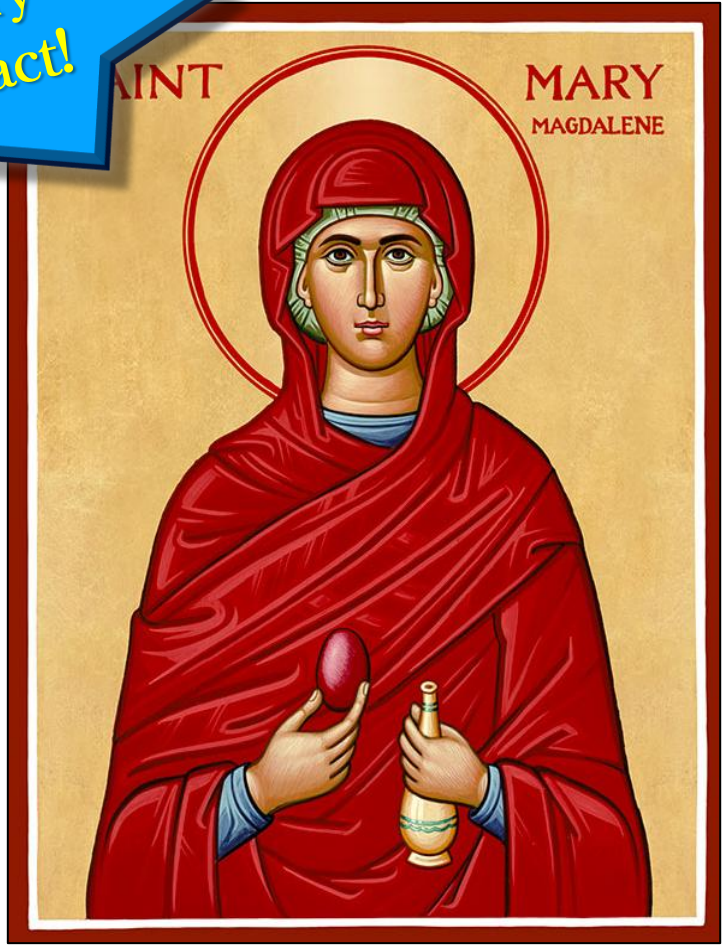
Pentecost

Fray Juan Bautista (c. 1620)

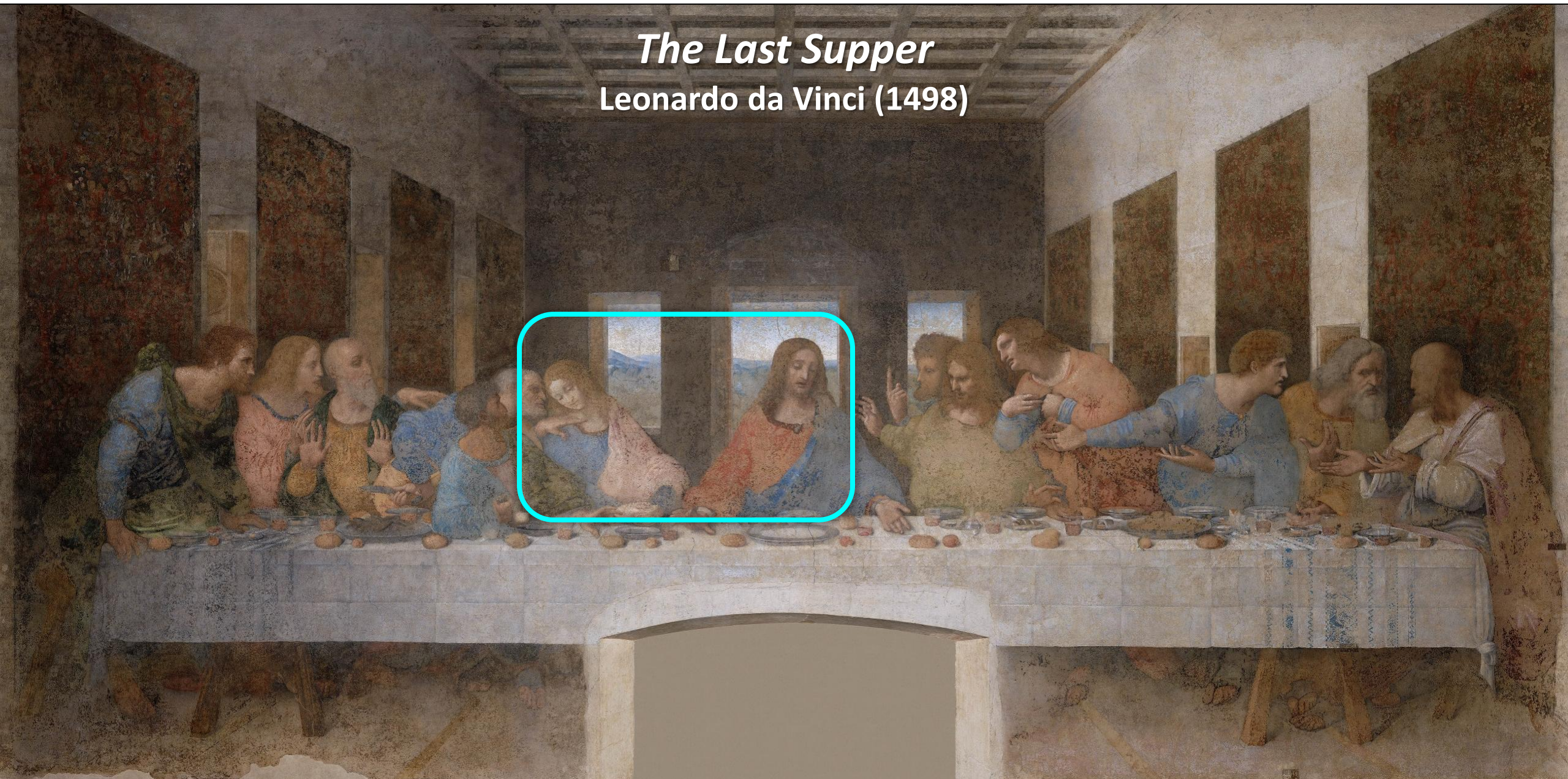




Church History Fun Fact!



The Last Supper
Leonardo da Vinci (1498)





“Mary Magdalene and the holy women...were the first to encounter the Risen One and thus the first messengers of Christ’s Resurrection for the apostles themselves.”

-- CCC 641



LESSONS:

Embrace Redemption

Practice Faithful Devotion

Recognize the Lord's Voice

Be a Courageous Witness



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Apostle to the Apostles

THANKS FOR BEING HERE!

**SAINT MARY
MAGDALENE**
Prophetess of Eucharistic Love



Fr. Sean Davidson

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