



Quotations Handout (RSV)

Gospel of John, Chapter 19

[39] Nicodemus also, who had at first come to him by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds' weight.

[40] They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

[41] Now in the place where he was crucified there was a **garden**, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid.

[42] So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

Gospel of John, Chapter 20

[1] Now on the first day of the week Mary Mag'dalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

[2] So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

[3] Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb.

[4] They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first;

[5] and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.

[6] Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying,

[7] and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

[8] Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

[9] for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

[10] Then the disciples went back to their homes.

[11] But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb;

[12] and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.

[13] They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

[14] Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

[15] Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

[16] Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rab-bo'ni!" (which means Teacher).

[17] Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

[18] Mary Mag'dalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Mark Gruber, O.S.B., Exalted in Glory

“When did Mary no longer see the gardener, but see the risen Son of God?

When did her eyes finally perceive that he was not a caretaker, a custodian, that he was not a maintenance worker, but the divine Son of the Living God, the risen Christ?

Saint John’s Gospel tells us that when Jesus uttered to her but one word, her eyes were opened. And the word that he uttered was simply her name: “*Mary!*”

No one can reproduce the timbre of the Savior’s voice, its warmth, its resonance, its cadence; But it was a sound that came from his lips—A sound which revealed in its speaking the depth of the love in his heart.

There is a way of naming someone that is greater than sound—
The speaking of the name more accurate than syllables, more expressive than words,

And Jesus, the Divine Teacher, who held the crowds spellbound for years, who spoke as no one had ere spoke, . . . Spoke but one word.

By a single word he captured her; he grasped her heart.

He identified her; he knew her. Her whole being was, as it were, laid bare before him in a moment, And she was quickened by his naming her name: “**Mary!**”

To be known, and yet to be loved,
To be well known and to be well loved;
To be seen and to be called out,
To be named and identified
With intimate love—
That’s what Jesus conveyed by a single word.

And in a single moment

Mary **knew** that no one else could love like that but him.
Mary **knew** that no one knew her heart and soul like that but him.
How **well** she knew that no one else could speak her name like that but him.

She answered him, “Rabboni!”

Saint John tells us the word “rabboni means “teacher.”
Actually, the word “rabbi means “teacher.”
“Rabboni” is the familiar form of the word in Aramaic,
Which denotes the meaning “**my** teacher.”
It’s personal: “**my**”—he belongs to **me**.

“Mary,” Jesus said.

“My teacher,” she answered.

It was a kind of betrothal of the Divine Heart to the heart of this woman.

They named each other. *That’s* how she recognized him: by the sound of her name.