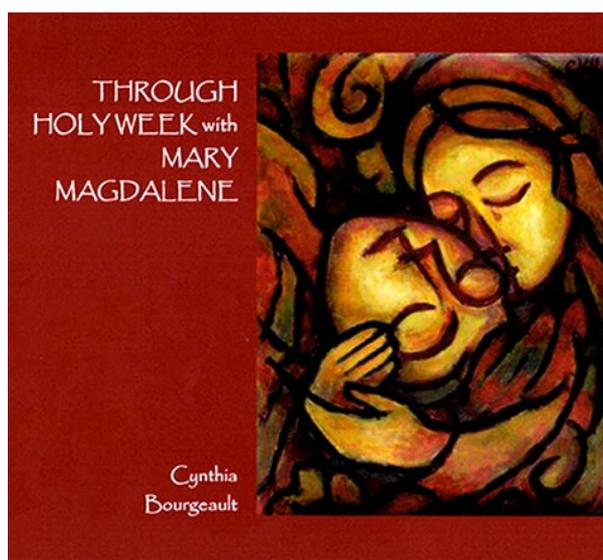


Dear friends,

As we enter this special time of Holy Week, we would like to provide you with a 25% DISCOUNT for the MP3 of one of our most popular teaching sets by Cynthia Bourgeault:

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**HOLY WEEK RESOURCES**

# THE EPICENTER OF CHRISTIANITY IS LOVE

*“The epicenter of Christianity is Love, and this week we are entering the epicenter. May we do so in Love.”*

- Cynthia Bourgeault, Palm Sunday sermon

In this Palm Sunday sermon from 2011 at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver Canada, Cynthia Bourgeault provides an extraordinary invitation to re-vision the meaning and message of Holy Week — summoning us to place the mystery of love at the center of the Easter story. You can listen to this moving and memorable sermon [here](#).

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## THE KENOTIC JOURNEY OF HOLY WEEK

*What is this Pascal journey from the wisdom standpoint?*

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**Excerpt from *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene* by Cynthia Bourgeault:**

In the common understanding, Christianity has tended to view the resurrection as Jesus’s triumph over physical death.

But for Christians in the wisdom tradition (who include among the ranks the very earliest witnesses to the resurrection) it’s meaning lies in something much deeper than merely the resuscitation of a corpse. Jesus’s real purpose in this sacrifice was to wager his own life against his core conviction that love is stronger than death, and that the laying down of self which is the essence of this love leads not to death, but to life ...

Read the fuller excerpt [here](#).

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# UPCOMING MARY MAGDALENE TALK

## MARCH 30, 2021: MARY MAGDALENE AND ATTENTION OF THE HEART - Live event with CYNTHIA BOURGEAULT

This online talk is part of the Bonnevaux Speaker Series with Laurence Freeman, hosted by the World Community for Christian Meditation.

### **Event Description:**

She's known as a lover, but what is love? Cynthia will explore the often sensationalized relationship between Mary Magdalene and Jesus as a pathway of conscious love, grounded in the contemplative quality of "attention of the heart" – whether in celibate or partnered modes. If contemplation is—as John Chrysostom said—, "knowledge impregnated by love," Mary Magdalene is one its shining exemplars. Her transformation from wounded victim to "Apostle to the Apostles" pours hope into our wounded world. We can be cleansed and renewed in its healing waters. Cynthia will begin to show us how.

NOTE: This event will take place on March 30th, at 8-9:30 PM Central European Time Zone. Registration for Cynthia's talk can be found [here](#).

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