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Three Marys, Last Mention of Mary, The

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The beloved disciple, in obedience to the expressed desire of the Lord before He bowed His head and delivered up His spirit, had taken Mary unto his own home. (The reader will remember that in John 10, Jesus had said that He had power to lay His life down, and hence it is that, in accordance with this statement, it is here written that He “delivered up” His spirit—as One in full control over it. We are thus permitted to gaze upon Him in this act as completing His holy life of obedience, glorifying the Father, and finishing the work which He had given Him to do.) From that moment, except for one brief record, she disappears from our view. Neither at the burial of the body of the Lord, nor at the garden on the resurrection morn, is she seen, but after the Lord’s ascension, which the apostles had beheld (see Acts 1:1-11), when they had returned unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, they went up into an upper room, where the apostles abode, and in this connection we find the final appearance of Mary in the sacred record. It says, referring to the eleven, “These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brethren.”(From the next verse it appears that an hundred and twenty were finally assembled; but until the thirteenth verse the apostles alone are introduced—for the reason that they only were the Lord’s appointed witnesses.)

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