Mary Magdalene: the film and the tradition

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Pre-screening Questions

1. What if anything do we think of when we hear the name ‘Mary Magdalene’?
2. How important were women in Jesus’s life?

Post-screening Questions

1. What scenes in the film stand out to you?
2. How does the film portray Mary’s relationship to men (in her own family/community, Peter, Judas, Jesus)?
4. Why do you think this film was made? What is it trying to do?
5. Apart from the epilogue in the film, did you know that Mary Magdalene was given her own feast day by the Vatican in 2016? How important do you think it is for the Catholic church to do this?

Print Resources


Bruce Chilton, Mary Magdalene: A Biography (Image, 2006)

Online resources

Listen to the interview with Dr. David Shepherd (Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin) about the film and Mary Magdalene on RTE Radio 1’s ‘Leap of Faith’ programme: