



# **Mary of Magdala in the Gospel of John: Changing Our Perspective**

**A Presentation by  
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At Duke University**

**Sunday, July 22, 2018, 2:00pm  
At St. Peter’s Lutheran Church, Harwich**

**Join us on the Feast of St. Mary of Magdala as  
Libbie Shrader presents on her research of the  
Gospel of John.**

Shrader’s recently published research in the *Harvard Theological Review* argues that Mary Magdalene's role was changed in the New Testament's Gospel of John to dilute her authority. Shrader's paper, "Was Martha of Bethany Added to the Fourth Gospel in the Second Century?," provides pictures of erasures and changes by ancient scribes who made copies of John's Gospel. Due to consistent textual instability around Martha in dozens of ancient manuscripts of John’s Gospel, Shrader concludes that Martha was a later addition to the Fourth Gospel - and that without Martha present, our perspective on Mary Magdalene in John’s Gospel would be radically changed. Shrader is also a musician and songwriter who has produced an album called “Magdalene,” which will be available at her presentation.



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