

# Why JESUS, not MARY is the ark of the New Covenant

After Jesus died, they took His body and placed it in a tomb. On the third day Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. John 20:11-12 tells us: "But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre, And seeth two angels in white SITTING, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain." Notice how these two angels were SITTING. They were sitting in the layout of the mercy seat. They were sitting one on one end and one on the other end. There would have still been blood where Jesus' body had been laid. So when Mary Magdalene saw the empty tomb she also saw the REAL mercy seat, the place where Jesus body had been laid and where HIS BLOOD could be seen between two SITTING angels! Yet Jesus' body was not there, because the grave could not hold Him.

Jesus' body and blood were the price that God paid for the forgiveness of our sins which enable the reestablishment of our relationship with God. Christ's shed blood replaces the blood sacrifices that had previously been offered for the sins of the people, in a far superior way, in that all our sins are completely forgiven, past, present and future - if and when God saves us. Therefore, the blood of Jesus became the New Covenant[1] and Jesus himself is the Ark of that covenant[2].

## REFERENCES:

1. "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the BLOOD of the COVENANT, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing" Hebrews 10:29.
  2. "But CHRIST BEING come an high priest of good things to come, by A GREATER AND MORE PERFECT TABERNACLE, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but BY HIS OWN BLOOD HE ENTERED ONCE INTO THE HOLY PLACE, having obtained eternal redemption for us." Hebrews 9:11-12.
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