

There's Something about Mary Magdalene, with Elizabeth Schrader Polczer and Diana Butler Bass (S3:E1)

**“What if the text was changed to suppress Mary Magdalene as not only the first witness of Jesus in John 20, but as the Christological confessor, which would make her a central character in the Gospel of John? Not one of several women, but a central character.”**

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