

CHRIST CRUCIFIED

This is Jesus, the Lord of history who, through the path of humiliation and of love at any cost, succeeds in determining our destinies. Magdalene integrates this contemplation in the virtues of obedience, humility and poverty. She herself walks the way of the Crucified Lord by making herself one among the least, not serving them as a Marchioness but by becoming poor in order to serve the poor. Magdalene realised that her life and work are deeply influenced and directed by the paradoxical contrast that she contemplated in Jesus Crucified. While Jesus seemed externally reduced by historical circumstances, to the powerlessness of the cross, struck down by rejection and by the absence of love, his inner life was very active, as he exercised virtue to the highest degree and practised charity towards God and neighbour in an unsurpassable manner. The Lord Jesus did not allow himself to be conditioned by external forces, but continued to live a life interiorly moved **by his most amiable, most generous and most patient**. This freedom to love, freeing a person from slavery, constitutes the apex of the revelation of God, and becomes the great attraction as well as the grace that inspired Magdalene.

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"I felt transported to love Jesus with the heart of Jesus as I could not do so by myself"

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