

S3 Bonus Episode Back to the Desert: Mary of Egypt with Amy Frykholm

**“As Christianity moved to an empire-based movement, women lost a lot of power. So it makes sense that they would have gone into the desert, looking for ways to pursue their path in Christianity in ways that allowed them greater freedom.”**

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Welcome to *In Search Of*, a podcast where we go in search of voices and perspectives that inform and expand a life of faith. This special bonus episode is a lecture from Amy on Desert Women and, in particular, Mary of Egypt—the patron saint of this podcast. Amy tells us Mary’s story and gives some context as to what it was like being a desert mother amongst the desert fathers. How were women’s experiences similar to or different from men? What motifs and archetypes shape our understanding of them? All this and more on this episode of *In Search Of*. A transcript of this episode can be found [here](#).

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