

THE FIRST BRUNCH

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EXT. BY JESUS' TOMB

MARY MAGDALENE, MARY MOTHER OF JAMES, JOANNA and SALOME are all standing around the tomb.

SALOME

So, I think we can all agree that Jesus rising from the dead was pretty bad-ass.

MARY, MOTHER OF JAMES

Yes, Salome. It was of the highest bad-assery.

MARY MAGDALENE

I know we just had a big dinner on Thursday, but I think this event calls for another celebration. What do you say we host another party for Jesus, but on Sunday, before lunch? Not too early, though, so we can sleep in. I know how you like to party on Saturday nights, Mary, Mother of James.

They all chuckle and Mary, Mother of James looks embarrassed.

JOANNA

That's a great idea, Mary Magdalene. So, a meal after breakfast, but before lunch. We can call it "leak-fast."

SALOME

Leak-fast, Joanna? That sounds like what I do in the bathroom right after I wake up. Hey-O! How about we call it "second breakfast?"

MARY, MOTHER OF JAMES

Emm, that sounds fantastical, imaginary, even. Did you get that from one of your books?

SALOME

Maybe. Ok, how about "br-unch?"

MARY MAGDALENE

Br-unch? Brunch. Brunch. Yeah,
Jesus Brunch! I like it! We can
have breakfast AND lunch foods.

SALOME

Can we have something other than
fish & bread, though?...Am I the
only one who's tired of fish and
bread? How about an omelet station?
I know a guy. Bartholomew. He's Mr.
Omelet on the weekends.

MARY MAGDALENE

Great idea. And crab legs. We
should have mountains and mountains
of steamed crab legs. What else?

JOANNA

We should really make it a party
and have fermented juice drinks!
Sparkling white wine and orange
juice! Mmm, tasty.

MARY, MOTHER OF JAMES

Bottomless fermented juice drinks!
Courtesy of Jesus, of course.

JOANNA

Oh! And Bloody Marys!

MARY, MOTHER OF JAMES

I just put too many grain spirits
in my tomato juice and I totally
didn't see that donkey. Tripped
right over him. Blood everywhere! I
still have a scar. See? (points to
her knee) Oh my goodness, please
don't remind me of that
embarrassing night. You know I just
like to eat, drink & be...ME.

JOANNA

We could have entertainment, as
well. You know who's super funny?
That guy, Adam, who calls Bingo on
Tuesdays and dresses in women's
embroidered, beaded robes and acts
really feminine. He's hilarious and
I just know he'd love to join us
for Jesus Brunch.

MARY MAGDALENE

Let's not invite that Judas guy,
though. After what he did, I think
he should be stoned.

MARY, MOTHER OF JAMES

He hanged himself.

ALL

(awkwardly)

Oh..right...Hmm

MARY MAGDALENE

(peppy)

Anyway...who wants to send out the
invitations?

SALOME

I'll do it!

MARY MAGDALENE

Do we think Jesus will even come?
Someone said they saw him on the
road to Damascus. So, headcount:
Judas is dead; Peter will probably
decline. That's still 16 people if
Jesus shows. I don't think my cave
is big enough.

JOANNA

What about the restaurant we were
at on Thursday?

MARY MAGDALENE

(shaking head)

Bad memories for Jesus...but, it's
the only place that has a big party
room.

MARY, MOTHER OF JAMES

I think Jesus will be ok with it.
He's a pretty forgiving guy.

MARY MAGDALENE

Good point. Ok, Cenacle Restaurant
on Mount Zion, it is! Mary, Mother
of James, can you walk the 13 miles
there and reserve "The Upper Room?"

MARY, MOTHER OF JAMES

Yes, Mary Magdalene. It will be
done.

MARY MAGDALENE
And let's make it a surprise party!
I'll tell him it's a baptism or
something.

A young boy, CALEB runs in.

CALEB
(out of breath)
Jesus...he...he...he ascended into
Heaven!

MARY MAGDALENE
Really? Wow! That's really great
for him.

SALOME
Bless-ed be!

JOANNA
Praise!..well, him.

MARY, MOTHER OF JAMES
Dang, guess there's no reason for
Jesus Brunch, now.

SALOME
Well, we could still meet up on
Sunday and just have "brunch." I'm
sure Jesus would've wanted it that
way.

MARY MAGDALENE
Yes, Jesus would want us to eat and
drink heavily, together, every
Sunday. All in favor, say "Brunch!"

ALL
Brunch!

BLACKOUT.