

## **Mary Magdalene**

**Jn 19:25; 20:1-18**

(Mat 27:56, 61; 28:1-11; Mk 15:40, 47; 16:1, 9; Lk 8:2, 3; 24:1-12)

### I. **Who Is Mary Magdalene?**

A. **The Confusion**—a lot of women named Mary and men with more than one name

B. **The Gospels**—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

1. **One of Many Women Who Followed Jesus** (Mat 27:56; Mk 15:40-41; Lk 8:1-3)

a. **Benefactress**—financially supported the ministry of Jesus and His disciples

b. **Devoted Follower**—traveled with Jesus and His disciples as part of His ministry support team

2. **A Recipient of Jesus' Healing/Exorcism** (Mk 16:9 ; Lk 8:2)—delivered from seven demons

3. **The First Witness of Jesus' Resurrection** (Mk 16:9)

## II. **What does she show us of JESUS?**

### A. **The Reality of His Resurrection** (Isa 61:2-3)

First to find, see, hear touch Jesus after the Resurrection

### B. **His Power to Save and Heal** (Jn 10:10; 1 Jn 3:8; Heb 2:14)

Jesus freed her from the bondage of seven demons, healed her, and transformed her life.

### C. **The Compelling Nature of His Person**

Faith is not merely intellectual excitement over an idea or commitment to Jesus' teaching; she loves Jesus.

### D. **The Worth of His Kingdom**

#### 1. **My Life** (1 Cor 6:19b-20; Gal 2:20; Phil 1:21)

Her life, focus, time, service, purpose

#### 2. **My Fortune** (Mat 6:19-21, 24, 33; Song 8:7)

Financially fund the spread of His kingdom

#### 3. **My Sacred Honor** (Mat 10:32-33; Jn 15:18-20)

Her lot, her *identity* and *her reputation*

Historical Study Resources:

<https://aleteia.org/2019/07/22/the-adventures-of-mary-magdalene-after-jesus-resurrection/>

<https://aleteia.org/2018/04/02/was-mary-magdalene-a-prostitute/>

*ESV The Reformation Study Bible; NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible*  
*Every Woman in the Bible*, by Sue and Larry Richards