



Women of the Bible

Mary the Magdalene

Lesson 15

There are a lot of Mary's mentioned in Scripture, especially in the New Testament. The Mary we are looking at this week gets her name from the town she lived in – Magdala. Luke's Gospel tells us Jesus delivered her from demon possession. John's Gospel tells us she was the first to see the risen Lord, first to talk to Him and first to receive the command to share the good news to others. Wow, talk about a totally transformed life! Mary may have seemed a lost cause to many but not to Jesus. He met her right where she was at and rescued her from her dark life. Because Jesus made her a brand new creation, Mary devoted the rest of her life to serving Him. She was one of the few people who followed our Lord all the way to the cross. Don't miss the lesson here – we don't have to be defined by our past. If we sincerely repent, no one is beyond the hope and healing that Jesus longs to give us.

Open your Bible and begin with a word of prayer

This Week's Scripture: Luke 8:1-3 & John 20:1-18

Luke 8:1-3

¹Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him, ²and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, ³and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance.

John 20:1-18

¹Now the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." ³Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. ⁴So they both ran together, and the other disciple out ran Peter and came to the tomb first. ⁵And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen cloths, but folded together in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also; and he saw and believed. ⁹For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. ¹¹But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. ¹³Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." ¹⁴Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

This Week's Memory Verse:

He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24(ESV)

1. Because of her demonic possession, Mary was in desperate need of deliverance and healing. What do the following verses tell us about healing the body, the mind and the spirit?
 - a. Psalm 103:1-4: _____

 - b. Psalm 147:3: _____

 - c. Isaiah 53:4-5: _____

 - d. Which of the above scriptures encourages you the most? Why? _____

2. Mary Magdalene was a transformed woman who spent the rest of her life expressing her love for Jesus in practical ways. What are some practical ways we can demonstrate our love for Jesus? _____

Reflect and Respond – Most of us are drawn to Mary because she tells a story of us all. We were all at one time caught in the enemy’s grip, perhaps not demon possessed but certainly living a life apart from God. Ephesians 2:4-5(ESV) tells us; “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.” How does this encourage you and others you know who may be trapped in the enemy’s grip? _____

Result – Consider today’s bible study lecture. What one lesson will you take away from this study and apply to your walk with the Lord? _____
