



Mary Magdalene

Often lost among or confused with all of the other Marys in the Bible, Mary Magdalene is worth distinguishing from the crowd. Most often found outside the spotlight, she is easily overlooked even when you're searching for her.

Mary Magdalene is first introduced to us in Luke 8 having *already* been healed by Jesus. Jesus was traveling with His disciples, proclaiming the Good News and compassionately healing the sick. Mary Magdalene was one of those "sick." She began following Jesus, ministering to Him and meeting His needs and those of His disciples. Because of her desire to serve Him, she witnessed both His teachings and the miracles He performed firsthand. She was faithful. She was loyal. She was a real friend of Jesus.

Mary Magdalene also witnessed Jesus' horrific crucifixion and death, characteristically in the background, watching, waiting, grieving with Jesus' mother, aunt and a few others. She followed His body to the tomb. She silently watched as they rolled the stone into place, sealing His body inside until after the Sabbath. She then went to prepare the spices and whatnot to prepare Him for burial, something usually performed by a family member. While His disciples stayed behind, grieving (maybe even sleeping), Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' body in the tomb, ointments in hand, after the Sabbath ended - while it was still dark. Even in His death, she sought to serve Him. Because of this, she was the first witness of His resurrection.

Mary Magdalene is a beautiful example of serving one another in love (Galatians 5:13).

1. List all the “facts” you know about Mary Magdalene from the verses on the right.

Day 1

Chronologically read
about Mary Magdalene -
Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:41;
John 19:25; Mark 15:40;
Matthew 27:55-61;
Luke 23:56;
Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1,
Luke 24:1, John 20:1a;
Luke 24:2 & John 20:1b;
Luke 24:3; Matthew 28:5;
Matthew 28:8; Luke 24:9;
Mark 16:11;
John 20:19-20

2. Research and describe the world in which Mary lived.

1. Write a character sketch of Mary Magdalene based on what is revealed about her life, her choices and her actions from today's readings. (Think: character qualities)

Day 2

Reread

Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:41;

John 19:25; Mark 15:40;

Matthew 27:55-61;

Luke 23:56;

Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1,

Luke 24:1, John 20:1a;

Luke 24:2 & John 20:1b;

Luke 24:3; Matthew 28:5;

Matthew 28:8; Luke 24:9;

Mark 16:11;

John 20:19-20

2. What can you infer about Mary's thoughts or beliefs based on her actions?

1. What pivotal point(s) in Mary's life do you see?
What was her response to each?

Day 3

Reread

Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:41;

John 19:25; Mark 15:40;

Matthew 27:55-61;

Luke 23:56;

Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1,

Luke 24:1, John 20:1a;

Luke 24:2 & John 20:1b;

Luke 24:3; Matthew 28:5;

Matthew 28:8; Luke 24:9;

Mark 16:11;

John 20:19-20

2. What can we learn from Mary's life or her example? Be specific.

1. How do you relate to Mary Magdalene or elements from her story?

Day 4

Reread

Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:41;

John 19:25; Mark 15:40;

Matthew 27:55-61;

Luke 23:56;

Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1,

Luke 24:1, John 20:1a;

Luke 24:2 & John 20:1b;

Luke 24:3; Matthew 28:5;

Matthew 28:8; Luke 24:9;

Mark 16:11;

John 20:19-20

2. What is God showing you through Mary's testimony?

1. What overall theme(s) do you notice in Mary's life?

2. From the above list, pick the one theme God is impressing upon you and research what His Word has to say on that specific topic.

Day 5

Reread

Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:41;

John 19:25; Mark 15:40;

Matthew 27:55-61;

Luke 23:56;

Matthew 28:1, Mark 16:1,

Luke 24:1, John 20:1a;

Luke 24:2 & John 20:1b;

Luke 24:3; Matthew 28:5;

Matthew 28:8; Luke 24:9;

Mark 16:11;

John 20:19-20

3. Write a third person introduction to Mary Magdalene based on your personal application from number 2.