



THE PEOPLE OF GOD – SERIES 2

# Mary Magdalene

Apostle to the Apostles

*Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, "I have seen the Lord!"*

John 20:18



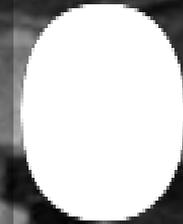
# Who is Mary Magdelene



***One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume....When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She's a sinner!"***  
***Luke Ch 7***



*“Mary Magdalene,  
from whom he had  
cast out seven  
demons”  
Luke Ch 8*





# Mary Magdalene

*What are we told?*

*What are we not told?*

*What can we learn?*

# Mary Magdalene

*What are we told?*

*A real person*

- *Comes from Magdala – a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee*

# Mary Magdalene

*What are we told?*

*A follower of Jesus*

- *One of a number of female followers of Jesus from Galilee*
- *Helps provide for him?*

## ***A follower of Jesus***

*“He took his twelve disciples with him, along with some women...Among them were Mary Magdalene... Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod’s business manager; Susanna; and many others **who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples.**”*

*Luke 8*

# Mary Magdalene

*What are we told?*

*Troubled past*

- *“Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons”*

## ***Troubled past***

*“He took his twelve disciples with him, along with some women **who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases.** Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom **he had cast out seven demons...**”*

*Luke 8*

# Mary Magdalene

*What are we told?*

*A Witness*

- *Witness to the crucifixion*

## ***A Witness to the crucifixion***

*The Roman officer and the other soldiers at the crucifixion were terrified by the earthquake and all that had happened. They said, “This man truly was the Son of God!”*

*And many women who had come from Galilee with Jesus to care for him were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene*  
*Matthew 27:54-55*

# Mary Magdalene

*What are we told?*

## *A Witness*

- *Witness to the crucifixion*
- *Witness to the burial*

## ***A Witness to the burial***

*Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a long sheet of clean linen cloth. He placed it in his own new tomb, which had been carved out of the rock. Then he rolled a great stone across the entrance and left. Both Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting across from the tomb and watching.*

*Matthew 27:59-61*

# Mary Magdalene

*What are we told?*

## *A Witness*

- *Witness to crucifixion*
- *Witness to burial*
- *Witness to resurrection*

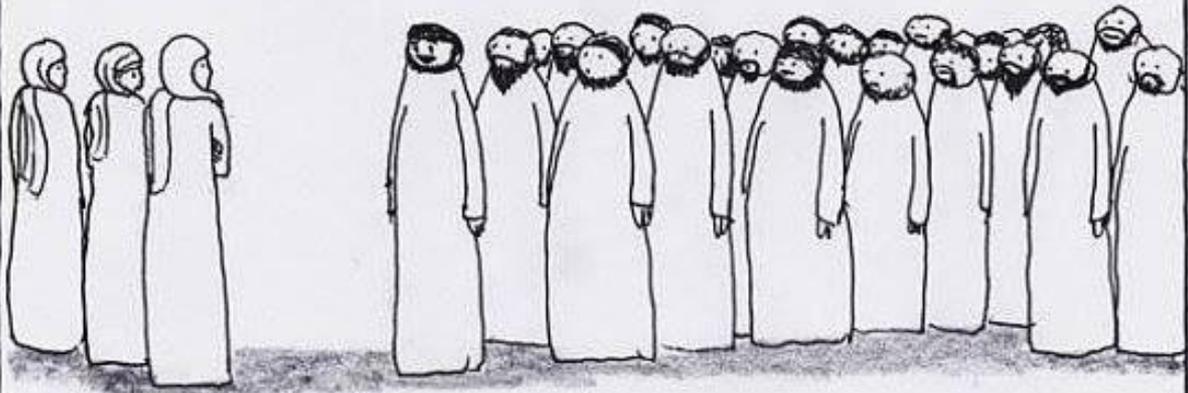
## ***A Witness to the resurrection***

*Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it... The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead... The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them.*

*Matthew 28:1-9*

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"SO LADIES, THANKS FOR BEING THE FIRST TO WITNESS AND REPORT THE RESURRECTION AND WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE."

# Mary Magdalene

*What are we told?*

*Apostle to the Apostles*

- *Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there”  
(Matt 28:10)*

# Mary Magdalene

*What are we told?*

*Apostle to the Apostles*

- *“go find my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”*

*(John 20:17)*

# Mary Magdalene

*What are we NOT told?*

*'Sinful woman anointing Jesus'*

- *Nowhere in the Bible is this woman identified as Mary Magdalene*

*“She whom Luke calls the sinful woman, whom John calls Mary, **we believe to be the Mary** from whom seven demons were ejected according to Mark. And what did these seven demons signify if not all the vices? . . . It is clear, brothers, that this woman previously used the unguent to perfume her flesh in forbidden acts. What she therefore displayed more scandalously, she was now offering to God in a more praiseworthy manner.”*

*Pope Gregory the Great AD 594*

# Mary Magdalene

*What can we learn about  
God's Kingdom?*

***Female***

*Women followers were always  
central to Jesus' ministry*

- *Ladies – don't let anyone  
devalue you!!*

# Mary Magdalene

*What can we learn about  
God's Kingdom?*

***Free of the past***

*Mary didn't live in her past*

- *She invested in her future*
- *“So if the Son sets you free,  
you are truly free.” John 8:36*

# Mary Magdalene

*What can we learn about  
God's Kingdom?*

## *Faithfulness*

*Mary's faithfulness brought  
great reward*

- *She is around when everyone else has gone*
- ὑπομένω (1 Cor 13:7)

*“Sometimes the bravest  
and most important  
thing you can do is just  
show up.”*

*Brene Brown Daring Greatly*