

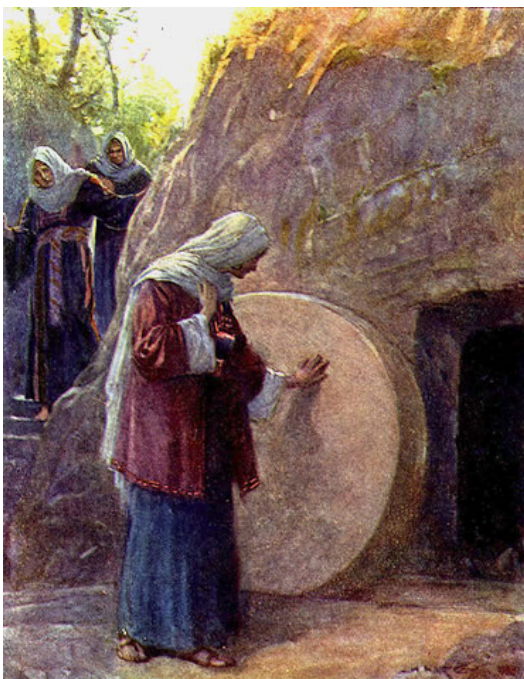
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Luke 8:1-3: Afterward [Jesus] journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and

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proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the Twelve and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources.

Mary Magdalene was one of the few who followed Jesus through everything. Even when most of Jesus' disciples went into hiding during His trial and crucifixion, Mary was with Him till the end. Everybody told her that Jesus was dead and not coming back, but still she believed in her Lord's power and unfailing love. She waited at Jesus' grave, ALONE. Because of her unfailing faith, He appeared to her first.

Mark 15:40: There were also some women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the Less and Joses, and Salome.

Matthew 27:56: Among them was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

John 19:25: But standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene

Mark 15:47: Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses were looking on to see where He was laid.

Matthew 27:61: And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the grave.

Matthew 28:1: Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave.

Mark 16:1: When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him.

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John 20:1: Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb.

Mark 16:9: Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.

John 20:18: Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that He had said these things to her.

Luke 24: But at daybreak on the first day of the week [the women] took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day." And they remembered his words. Then they returned from the tomb and announced all these things to the eleven and to all the others.

The women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; the others who accompanied them also told this to the apostles, but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them.

Mary was a sinner like most of us. She had a hardened heart because of her disobedience and rebellious attitude. When the Pharisees caught her sleeping with a married man, they dragged her outside and wanted to stone her. She saw Jesus standing in front of her and she humbled herself before Him. Jesus then drew a line in the sand in front of Him and said; let the one that has no sin cast the first stone.

John 8:1 but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. **2** Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them.

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The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst

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they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery.

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Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?"

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This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground.

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And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."

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And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground.

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But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him.

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Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

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She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

Mary opened her heart to the Lord, humbling herself before Jesus. The only way the Lord can work with us is when we lay our pride and rebellion down before Him. When you repent from your sin, turn away from it and don't turn back. Mary was obedient to the Lord. When the dark hour came, Mary had the faith to stand with Jesus till the end. Up to His resurrection she stood fast, praying and believing in Jesus. Will you dare to be like Mary trusting the Lord for your miracle, or will you be like the disciples who became afraid out of unbelief, only to disappear and hide. The choice is always yours. Be bold and hang on to the Lord and His promises for you.