

## BIBLE WOMEN - MARY MAGDELENE - FIRST WITNESS

JOHN 20:11-18

Mary was freed from seven demons. She was the first one to see the risen Savior and sent to tell the rest of the disciples.

### I. WHO SHE HAD BEEN

- A. She followed Jesus / Seven demons cast out LUKE 8:1-3
  - 1. From Magdala (Southwest Coast of Sea of Galilee)
  - 2. Magdala had a reputation for prostitution
- B. Some Talmudic writings call her "plaiter of hair"
  - 1. This would signify immodesty (1 TIM. 2:9-10)
  - 2. But meeting Jesus changed her (2 COR. 5:17)
- C. Now she followed with the rest / "and" (vs. 1 & 2)
  - 1. Joanna - the wife of Chuza (maybe widow)
  - 2. Suzanna - may have been young or widowed
  - 3. Joanna seen in (LUKE 24:10) / Suzanna only here

### II. WHO SHE WAS NOT

- A. Mary Magdalene was NOT the wife of Jesus
  - 1. This is error from the "Da Vinci Code"
  - 2. Some heretical early writings make hints
    - a. These were considered non-Biblical
    - b. There is NO Biblical support for this idea
- B. She was NOT the woman who washed the feet to Jesus
  - 1. LUKE 7:37 - Reputation of her city and "sinner"
  - 2. But no mention of seven demons LUKE 7:50
- C. She was NOT the woman taken in adultery JOHN 8:1-11
  - 1. Again, no mention of seven demons JOHN 8:11
  - 2. A warning to "go and sin no more."

### III. WHO SHE BECAME

- A. She was present at events surrounding the crucifixion
  - 1. Present at the illegal mock trial of Jesus
  - 2. She saw Jesus beaten and humiliated by the crowd
  - 3. One woman at the foot of the cross (LUKE 24:10)
- B. She LIKELY waited the Holy Spirit (ACTS 1:14)

### IV. WHO SHE SAW

- A. Honored to FIRST witness the Resurrection JOHN 20:16
- B. Only one with a special mission - tell the others
- C. Be an encourager! (PROV. 12:25, 16:24, 25:11)

1 TIMOTHY 2:9-10 - "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; (10) But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."

2 COR. 5:17 - "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

LUKE 24:10 - "It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles."

ACTS 1:14 - "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

PROV. 12:25 - "Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop: but a good word maketh it glad."

PROV. 16:24 - "Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones."

PROV. 25:11 - "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."