

# Women of the Bible:

## *Mary Magdalene*

*First: Start with the facts from each passage:*

*Second: What would her life have been like at this time*

*Third: What traits do we discover about her*

*Fourth: How did God work through this person, even after their mistake(s)*

*Fifth: What inspiration or lessons can be learned?*

Luke 8:1-3

Matthew 27:56-61

Matthew 28:1-10

Mark 15:40-47

Mark 16:1-11

Luke 24:1-10

John 19:25

John 20:1-18

Lessons for Our Lives:

## **DID YOU NOTICE:**

Mary—means: bitter (from same root as Mara—see Naomi).

Additional meanings (up to 70) also include: Beloved.

Luke 8:1-3 Had seven demons cast out of her by Jesus. Magdala was a wealthy community (Dye & Textile works). It would appear that Mary was a woman of means without family commitments who could travel through Galilee and help financially. While the town of Magdala had an unsavory reputation, there is no connection of Mary with that part of it; other than her being filled by 7 demons. It wasn't until the 1300's that a council in Naples associated her name in that light and set up "Magdalen Houses" for "fallen women".

Matthew 27:56-61 Present at crucifixion and observed the burial of Jesus. She had traveled from Galilee to Jerusalem for the Passover and was eyewitness at the events surrounding Jesus' death.

Matthew 28:1-10 Went to "look" at the tomb. Angel told them about the resurrection of Jesus. They were on their way to tell the disciples when Jesus met them.

Mark 15:40-47 Was at the crucifixion. She had followed him in Galilee and helped care for His needs.

Mark 16:1-11 Arrived, not just to look, but to anoint the body with spices. Mark recounts that Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and she then went on to tell the disciples.

Luke 24:1- 10 Angels speak to the women who came to anoint Jesus' body with spices and tells them that Jesus has risen. They return to tell the disciples.

John 19:25 Mary Magdalene was at the crucifixion with Jesus' mother and aunt.

John 20:1-18 John recounts the scene at the empty tomb. He goes into greater detail about Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene.

