

IV. KNOW GOD WILL REWARD YOU

- A. Mary was the first person to learn of the resurrection.

“I Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

5 But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”

Matthew 28:1, 5-6

- B. Jesus will reward your diligence in seeking Him.

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Hebrews 11:6

V. SHARE THE GOSPEL

- A. Mary was the first person Jesus spoke to after the resurrection and he made her the first evangelist.

“Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.” Mark 16:9

“17... go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’”

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.” John 20:17b-18

- B. Jesus expects you to tell others the Gospel.

“...do the work of an evangelist, ...” II Timothy 4:5b

ARE YOU WINNING AT DELIVERANCE?

WOMEN WHO WIN

Mary Magdalene: Winning At Deliverance

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INTRODUCTION

- A. Women in the Bible played a vital role. They did important and heroic things. They were winners!

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.” I Corinthians 9:24

- B. In this series we will study nine women that were winners. We will learn what they did to win and how we can do the same thing.

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- C. **TEXT:** Luke 8:1-3

- Magdalene is not Mary’s last name. The name Magdalene likely indicates that she came from Magdala, a thriving city on the southwest coast of the Sea of Galilee.

“And He sent away the multitude, got into the boat, and came to the region of Magdala.” Matthew 15:39

- Mary Magdalene was a women from whom Jesus cast out seven demons (Luke 8:2). Her response to deliverance by Jesus was devotion to Jesus.

“Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.” John 19:25

MARY MAGDELENE: WINNING AT DELIVERANCE

I. ALLOW GOD TO HEAL YOUR LIFE

A. Mary was healed by Jesus.

“and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons,” Luke 8:2

B. Jesus will heal you and make you a new person with a new peace.

“He heals the brokenhearted And binds up their wounds.” Psalm 147:3

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” II Corinthians 5:17

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

John 14:27

II. GIVE GENEROUSLY TO GOD’S MISSION

A. Mary traveled with Jesus and funded His ministry.

“I Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him, 2 and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, 3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance.” Luke 8:1-3

B. Jesus uses your generosity to fulfill the Great Commission.

“19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;...” Matthew 28:19-20a

“6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” II Corinthians 9:6-7

III. USE YOUR GIFTS TO SERVE

A. Mary ministered to Jesus in life and in death.

“55 And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar,

56 among whom were Mary Magdalene, ...” Matthew 27:55-56a

“55 And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid.

56 Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils....” Luke 23:55-56a

B. Jesus defines your greatness as your service.

“25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.” Matthew 20:25-26