

Mary Magdalene

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Mary Magdalene, later one of Christ's most devoted followers, had been possessed by seven demons before Jesus delivered her. Scripture provides no details of her possession or deliverance, only the remarkable fact that seven unclean spirits had inhabited her. After her deliverance, she became part of the company of women who supported Jesus' ministry from their own means. She stood at the cross when most disciples fled, came first to the tomb on resurrection morning, and became the first witness of the risen Christ. Her transformation from severe demonic bondage to faithful discipleship exemplifies the completeness of Christ's deliverance.

Key Verses

Luke 8:2

And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils.

Mark 16:9

Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

Luke 8:3

And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

John 19:25

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

John 20:16-18

Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord.

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