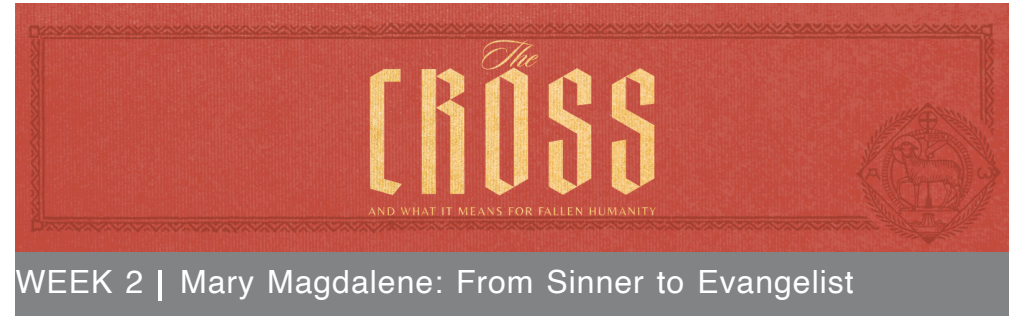


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WEEK 2 | Mary Magdalene: From Sinner to Evangelist

PRAYER

Father, thank You for the power of the Cross, which transforms our lives. Just as You turned Mary Magdalene from a life of brokenness to a life of mission, we ask You to transform us by Your love. May we encounter Jesus in a way that moves us from where we are to where You want us to be—people who share Your message with others. In Jesus' name, amen.

OPENING QUESTION (OPTIONAL)

What's the most unexpected or surprising transformation you've ever seen in a person, a place, or even yourself?



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WORD

Luke 8:1–3

Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

Mark 15:40–41

There were also women looking on from a distance, among whom were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. When he was in Galilee, they followed him and ministered to him, and there were also many other women who came up with him to Jerusalem.

John 20:1–3, 11–18

(v.1-3) Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb.

(v.11-18) But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Reflection

Mary Magdalene's story is one of profound transformation. She begins her journey as a woman tormented by seven demons (Luke 8:2), a symbol of deep brokenness and bondage. Yet, Jesus' healing power set her free, and she became one of His most devoted followers. She didn't merely receive healing—she became a supporter of His ministry, walking closely with Him and providing for His mission.

At the Cross, Mary Magdalene was present in the darkest moment, faithfully staying when many others fled (Mark 15:40–41). But her transformation didn't stop there. On Resurrection morning, she was the first to see the risen Christ. Jesus entrusted her, a woman once bound by darkness, with the most incredible message: the news of His victory over death (John 20:18). She became the first evangelist of the risen Lord, boldly proclaiming, "I have seen the Lord."

Her story reminds us that Jesus transforms not just our hearts but also our purpose. He heals us to activate us in His mission. Like Mary, we are invited to move from brokenness to wholeness, and from being recipients of grace to being heralds of the Gospel. Who in your life might God be calling you to share His message with?

Discussion Questions

1. Mary Magdalene experienced both healing and purpose through Jesus. In what ways has Jesus transformed your life, and how do you feel He might still be shaping you?
2. Mary stayed at the Cross when others fled and was the first to encounter the risen Jesus. What does her commitment teach us about faithfulness, especially in challenging moments?
3. Mary was entrusted with the message of the Resurrection. Who in your life might God be asking you to share His hope and love with? What holds you back, and how can you overcome it?
4. The good news isn't just for us but for others, too. How can we make the Gospel more visible in the way we live at work, school, or home this week?
5. If Jesus gave you a specific mission today, like He did for Mary Magdalene, how would you respond? What practical steps can you take this week to intentionally share God's love with someone in your circle?

Closing Prayer

Jesus, thank You for the power of Your Cross and Resurrection. You see us in our brokenness and transform us into people with purpose. We surrender our lives to You, trusting You to make us whole. Help us to step boldly into Your mission, sharing the good news of Your love with others. May we live as transformed people, empowered by Your Spirit to be light in this world. In Your name, amen.