



March 11, 2018

“Early on the first day of the week, ...Mary Magdalene went to the tomb...Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying...Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news, ‘I have seen the Lord!’”

I. Freed from Demons (Luke 8:2)

- A. Not who you think she is!
- B. She was in amazing trouble when Jesus found her
- C. “Seven” = the number of completeness – absolute control
- D. “Demons” = (poneros pneuma) = evil spirits – servants of Satan
- E. Jesus expelled these demons from Mary Magdalene

II. Followed as Disciple (Luke 8:1,3)

- A. Magdalene – person who comes from Magdala – Sea side town near Capernaum
- B. Jesus was on the move from town to town – proclaiming the good news
- C. “The twelve were with him” + also women
- D. Not just a follower, but a supporter = (diakoneo) = “ministering to others”(8:3)

III. Faced His Death (John 19:25;Matt. 27:55-61; Luke 23:55,56)

- A. Other disciples fled to avoid arrest
- B. Mary was “Near” the cross (John 19:25)
- C. Witnessed the death and burial of Christ (Matt. 27:55-61; Luke 23:55,56)

IV. First to Declare (John 20:1 – 18)

- A. There early to finish the burial (20:1)
- B. Confused by the absence of the body
- C. Announced her fear to the disciples (20:2)
- D. Mary kept seeking and crying (20:11)
- E. Mary knew him as a risen Lord! (20:16)
- F. Jesus sent her – “Go and tell” (20:17)