

MARY MAGDELENE

Matthew 27:55-61

Mary Magdalene is often misunderstood in the Christian tradition. According to the Gospel of Luke, she was healed by Jesus from seven demons. From that moment forward, she became a devoted follower of Jesus. She traveled with him, supported him, and when many of the disciples were nowhere to be found, she was present at both the crucifixion and the burial.

☐ **Monday: Read Luke 8:1–3.**

Mary followed Jesus with gratitude after being healed, including financial support of his ministry. How has Jesus' work in your life inspired your devotion, service, and giving?

☐ **Tuesday: Read Matthew 27:55–56.**

When others turned away, Mary remained.

What helps you stay close to Jesus in painful or uncertain times?

☐ **Wednesday: Read Matthew 27:57–61.**

Mary watched where Jesus was laid.

What does it look like to hold space for grief while still holding onto hope?

☐ **Thursday: Read John 20:11–18.**

Jesus entrusts the message of resurrection to Mary.

Where might God be calling you to speak hope and life today?

☐ **Friday: Read Mark 16:9–11.**

Mary shared the good news and wasn't believed.

How do you keep sharing hope, even when others are skeptical?

☐ **Saturday: Read Luke 24:1–10.**

Mary's witness helped shape the early resurrection story.

What story of Jesus at work in your life can you share?

Mary Magdalene was the first person Jesus appears to after his resurrection. She becomes a witness not just to Jesus' death, but to His resurrection. She shares the message with the other apostles, and thus has been called the apostle to the apostles. Through her faithful devotion she carries the message of the resurrection to the world.

Following Jesus is standing firm in faith, particularly when things are most challenging and difficult.

Prayer: Jesus, as you carried your cross, you saw the women weeping for you. Even in your pain, you turned to comfort them. Lord, when I am suffering, help me to look beyond myself and see the needs of others. Teach me to respond with love and encouragement, just as you did. Amen.