

LIVING FREER

Mark 16:1-10

Key Points

Like Mary, Jesus can change our life.

Notes:

- Mary is mentioned 14 times in Scripture.
- She came from the small town of Magdala on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. The town was known for fishing and textile producing.
- Jesus cast out seven demons. (Sins, emotional issues or maybe physical problems.)
- She was among women who supported the ministry of Jesus financially.
- We do not know her age, marital status or family details.
- She was the **first** person Jesus appeared to following the resurrection.

How He Loved Mary

Jesus released her from the grip the world had on her.

1. God broke the grip of sin in her life. Luke 8:1-2
2. She recognized the gift of salvation.

Question: What is it in your life that you believe is too big for God to conquer?

Jesus gave her purpose.

1. She became part of the ministry. Luke 8:1-3
2. The Great Commission. Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8
3. She began to invest in things with ETERNAL value.

Question: Are you fulfilling your purpose in Christ today?

Jesus made her family.

1. We are called His children. 1 John 3:1
2. She responded;

She was at the cross, Mark 15:40

She witnessed Jesus buried, Mark 15:47

She was first to see an empty tomb, Mark 16:1,4

She saw the angel, Mark 16:5

She was the one to tell the disciples, Mark 16:6-8

Jesus appeared to her FIRST, Mark 16:9-10

She was the first to testify about the resurrection of Christ, John 20:17

She could recognize His voice, John 20:16

Do you hear His voice?

Mark

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of [a]James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, they *came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

4 Looking up, they *saw that the stone had been rolled away, [b]although it was extremely large. 5 Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. 6 And he *said to them, "Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him. 7 But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.'" 8 They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

9 [[c]Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. 10 She went and reported to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping.

Luke 8:1-3

Ministering Women

8 Soon afterwards, He began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him, 2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.

1 John 3:1

3 See [a]how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

John 20:17

17 Jesus *said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" "