

# Mary Magdalene

A character study

Reading: Luke 27:50 to 28:8

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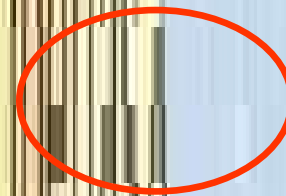
1. Her name.
2. Where her name appears in scripture.
3. Are there any other passages in scripture that refer to her.
4. The incidents in which Mary Magdalene was involved.
5. Her character and example with its lessons for us.

# Mary Magdalene

Strong's : 3094 : Μαγδαληνή : Magdalēnē [Total : 12]

femine of a derivative of <G3093> (Magdala);

a female *Magdalene*, i.e. inhabitant of Magdala :- Magdalene.



# Magdala about 1900



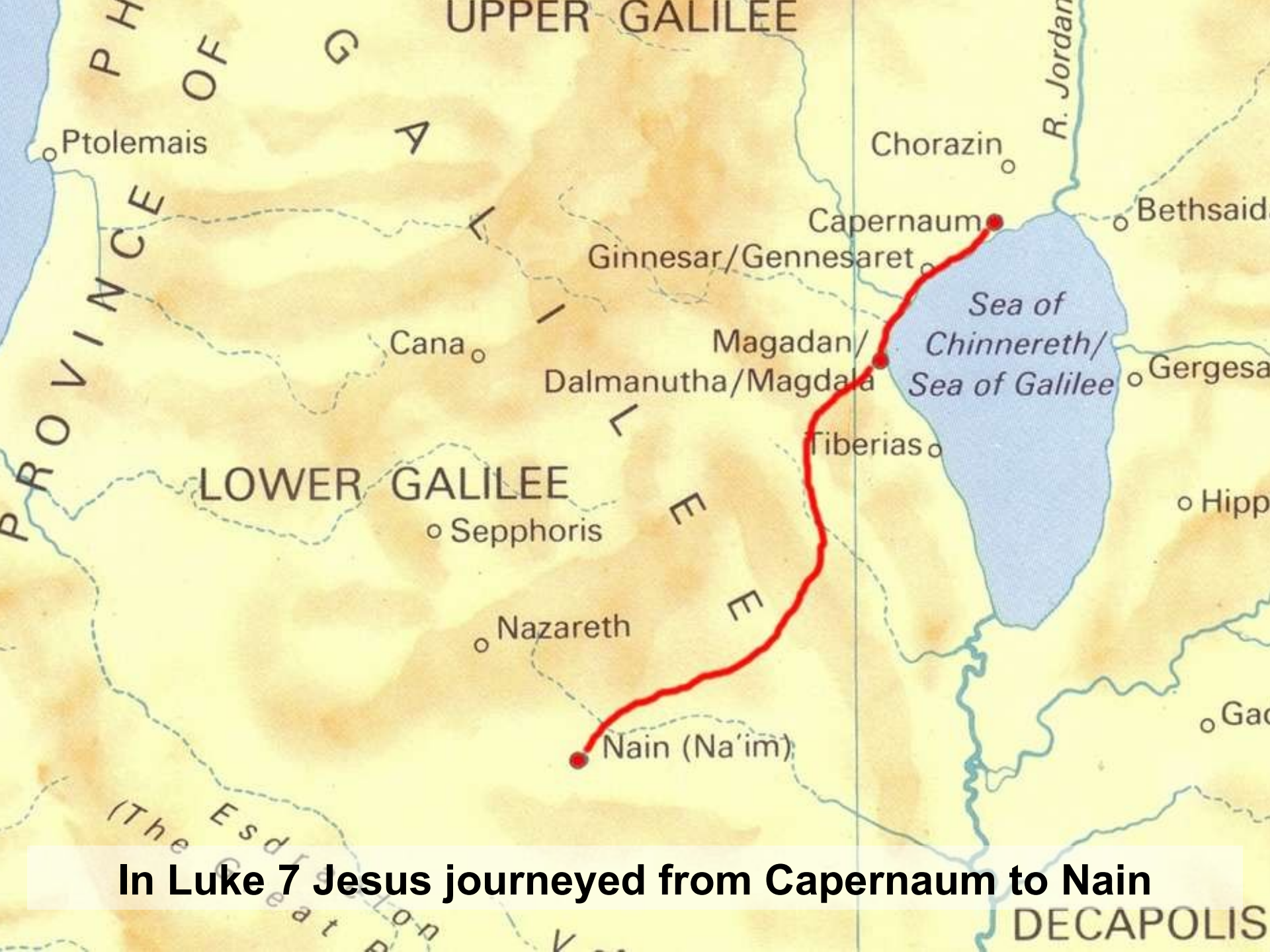
# Ruins of Magdala today



# Magdala was a port



**Matthew 15:39** And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala



**In Luke 7 Jesus journeyed from Capernaum to Nain**

# Mary Magdalene

Mary the mother of Jesus

Mary Magdalene

Mary the sister of Martha

Mary the mother of James

Mary the mother of James the less and Joses

Mary the mother of John Mark

Mary one of Paul's helpers in Rome



# Mary Magdalene

She is mentioned by name 14 times

Matthew 27:56 & 61 and 28:1

Mark 15:40 & 47 and 16:1 & 9

Luke 8:2 and Luke 24:10

John 19:25 and John 20:1, (11), (16) & 18

In connection with three happenings

1. Her healing and commitment to Christ
2. Her presence at the Crucifixion
3. Her visits to Christ's tomb and meeting with him

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## **3. Jesus head anointed – Matt 26:6-13: Mark 14:1-9**

House of Simon the leper in Bethany 2 days before the passover, where gospel preached shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

## At the cross

**Matthew 27:56** Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

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## At the cross

**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.

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| John<br>19:25 | Mary<br>Magdalene | his (Jesus)<br>Mother | his (Jesus)<br>mother's<br>Sister | Mary,<br>wife of<br>Cleopas |
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**Matthew 13:55** Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?



## At the cross

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## At the tomb

**Matthew 28:1** In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

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**Mark 16:1** And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

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## At the tomb

**Luke 24:10** It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary *the mother* of James, and other *women that were* with them, which told these things unto the apostles.

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| Matthew<br>28:1 | Mary<br>Magdalene | the other Mary              |        |                                        |
| Matthew<br>28:1 | Mary<br>Magdalene | Mary the mother<br>of James | Salome |                                        |
| Luke<br>24:10   | Mary<br>Magdalene | Mary the mother<br>of James |        | Joanna<br>wife Chuza<br>other<br>women |

**Luke 8** <sup>2</sup> ... healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, <sup>3</sup> ... Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, ... ministered ... of their substance. 19

## At the cross

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| Luke<br>24:10   | Mary<br>Magdalene | Mary the mother             |        | Joanna   other |

**John 20:2** 2 Then she runneth, ... and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and **we know not** where they have laid him

John  
20:1  
Mary  
Magdalene  
and others?

## At the cross

Mary  
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**Luke 23:55** And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

John  
20:1

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27:50 Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

51 And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose;

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

<sup>11</sup> And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

<sup>12</sup> Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

<sup>13</sup> When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

<sup>14</sup> He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

<sup>15</sup> And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

<sup>16</sup> And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

<sup>17</sup> And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

28: <sup>1</sup> In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

<sup>2</sup> And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

<sup>3</sup> His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

<sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

15: <sup>11</sup> And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

<sup>12</sup> And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

<sup>13</sup> And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup> There were also women looking on afar off; among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less, and of Joseph, and Salome.

<sup>3</sup> (Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath,

<sup>5</sup> Joseph of Arimathea, an honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

<sup>6</sup> And Pilate marvelled if he were already dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead.

<sup>7</sup> And when he knew it of the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph.

<sup>8</sup> And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre.

<sup>9</sup> And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome beheld where he was laid.

10: <sup>1</sup> And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.

<sup>2</sup> And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.

<sup>3</sup> And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?

<sup>4</sup> And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away from the door: and it was very great.

8: <sup>1</sup> And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,

<sup>2</sup> And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

<sup>3</sup> And Joanna the wife of Chuzas Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

19: <sup>14</sup> They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but let us knit it for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

<sup>15</sup> Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

24: <sup>1</sup> Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.

<sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

<sup>3</sup> And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.

20: <sup>1</sup> The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeing the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

