

# Mary Magdalene: A Life Transformed

Lesson One

# Who is Mary Magdalene?

- Historically early church tradition holds Mary Magdalene in high esteem
- She was healed from demons by Jesus
- She became a disciple
- She supported Jesus and his ministry
- She witnessed the crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection

# Who is Mary Magdalene?

- Secular view: prostitute or adulterer
- Secular view: wife of Jesus
- Secular view: immoral

# Mary Magdalene in the Gospels

- Healed from demon-possession
- Devoted disciple
- Courageous leader
- Full of faith
- Witness
- Proclaimer of Resurrection

# Luke 8:1-3

- Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him, and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance. (Luke 8:1-3 NKJV)

# Ephesians 6:12

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

# Miracle of Healing

- By casting out demons, Jesus' miracles brought the power of the kingdom of God to earth.
- The "thief" is satan and he has come to destroy lives but Jesus came to earth to heal and restore (Matt. 4:23, 9:35, 10:1).

# John 10:10 NASB

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly”

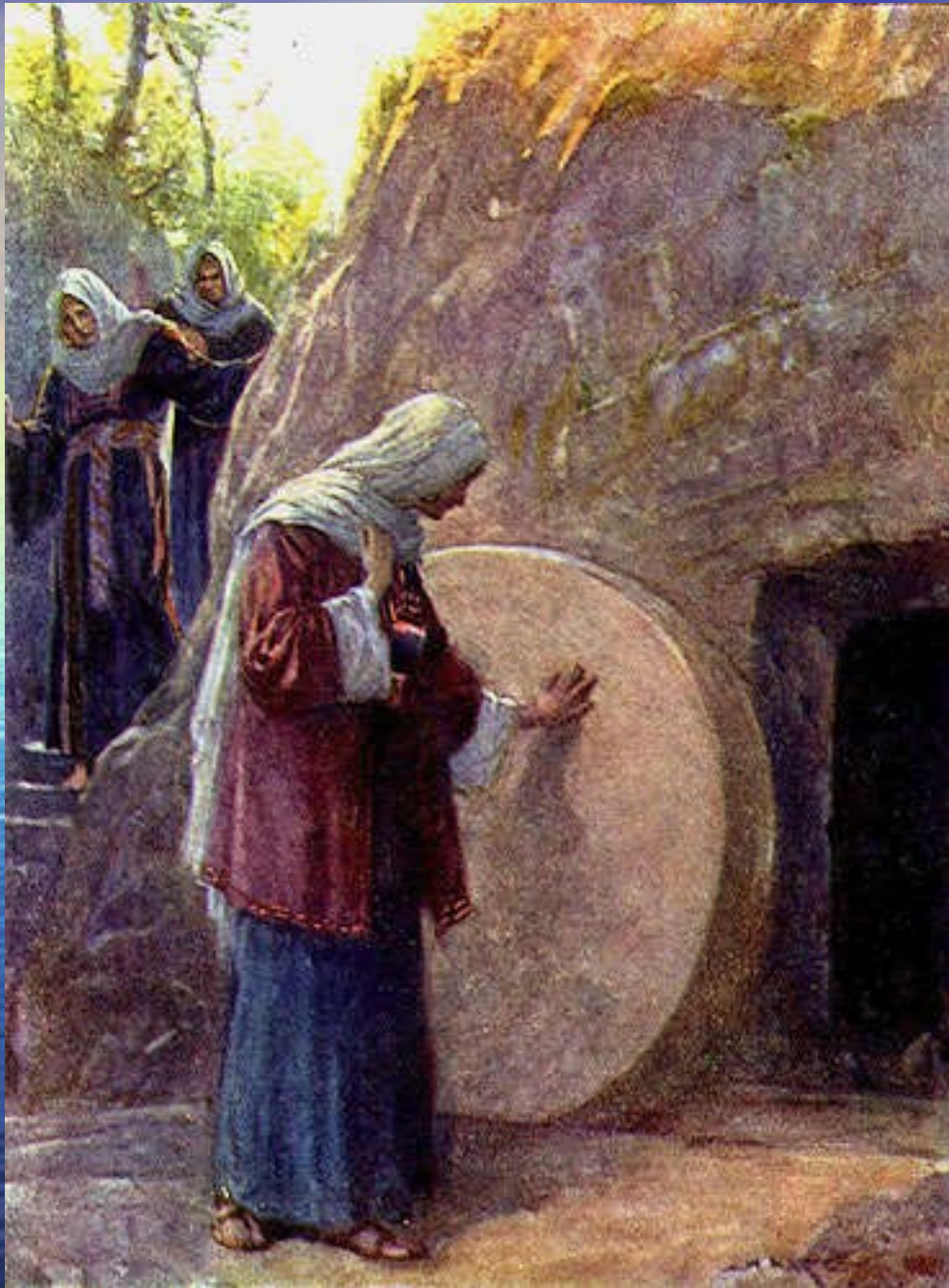


# Psalm 103 NASB

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits; **who pardons all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases; who redeems your life from the pit,** who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle. The LORD performs righteous deeds and judgments for all who are oppressed.

# Faith of Mary Magdalene

- It took faith to reach out to Jesus
- It took faith to be healed
- Her faith in Jesus transformed her life
- Her faith allowed her to receive God's love



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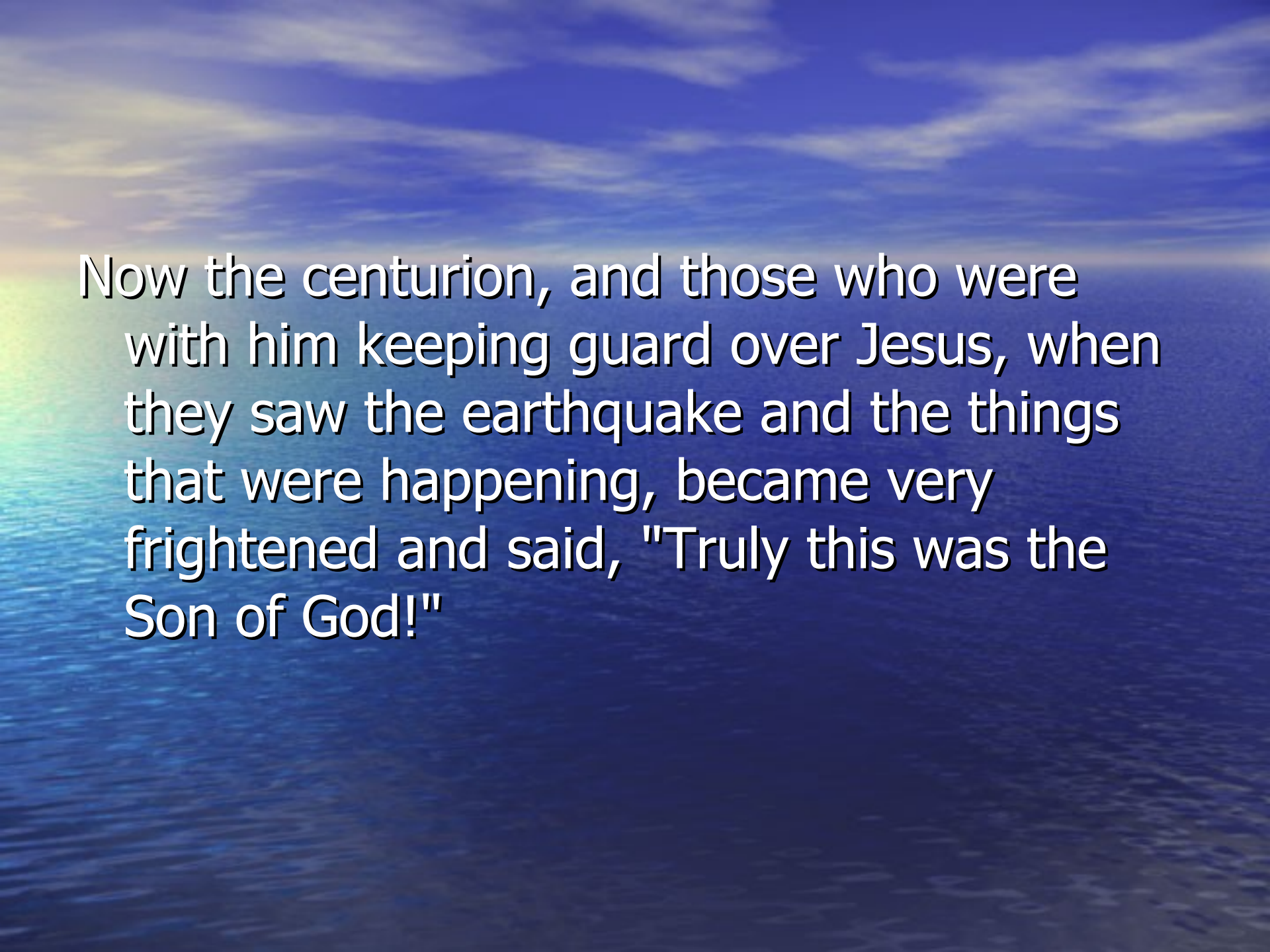
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# Mary Magdalene as witness

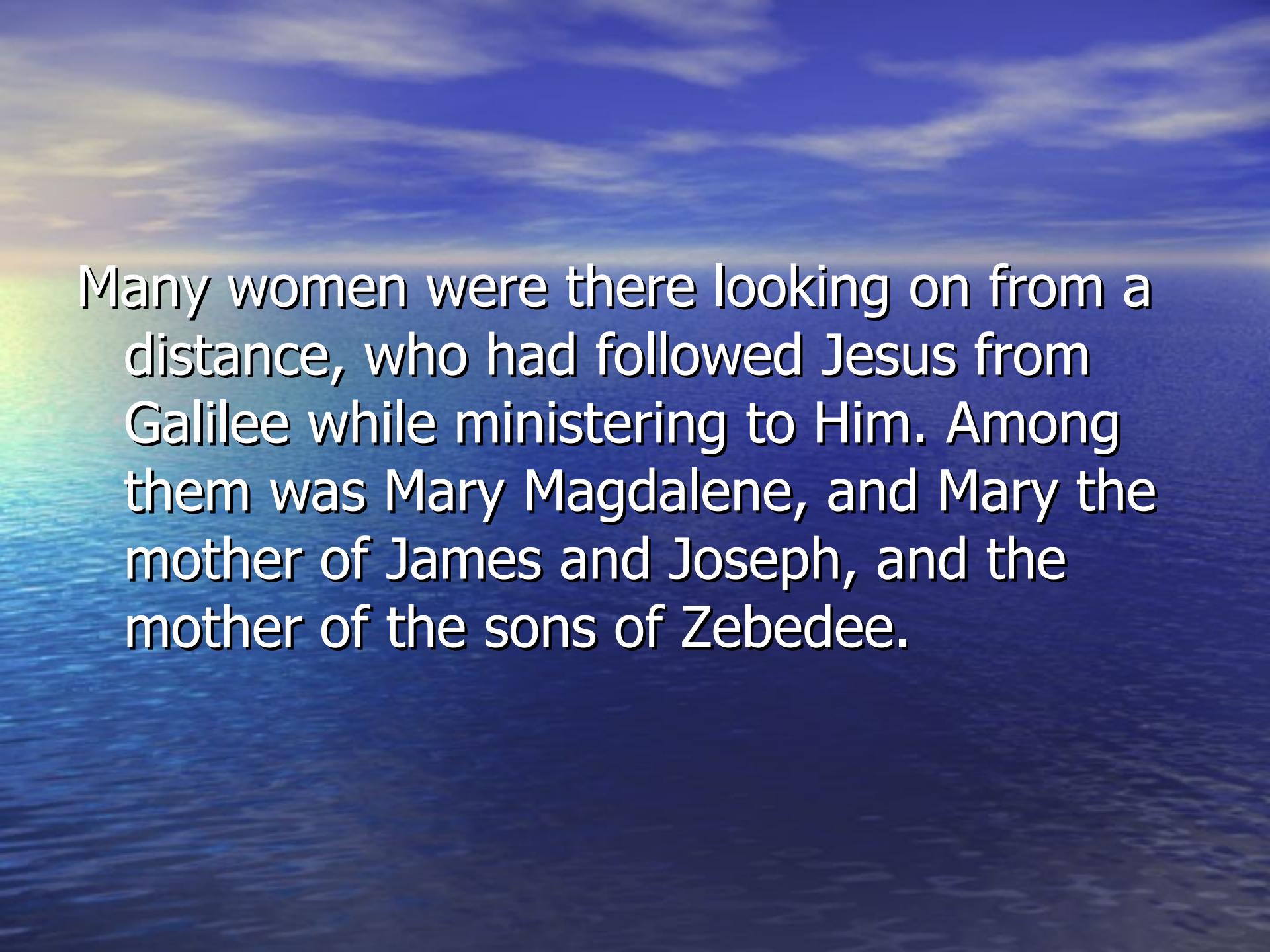
- She witnessed Jesus' healing
- She witnessed his miracles
- She witnessed his crucifixion
- She witnessed his death
- She witnessed his burial
- She witnessed his resurrection!

## Matt. 27:50-56

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.



Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"



Many women were there looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee while ministering to Him. Among them was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

# Emotions of Mary Magdalene

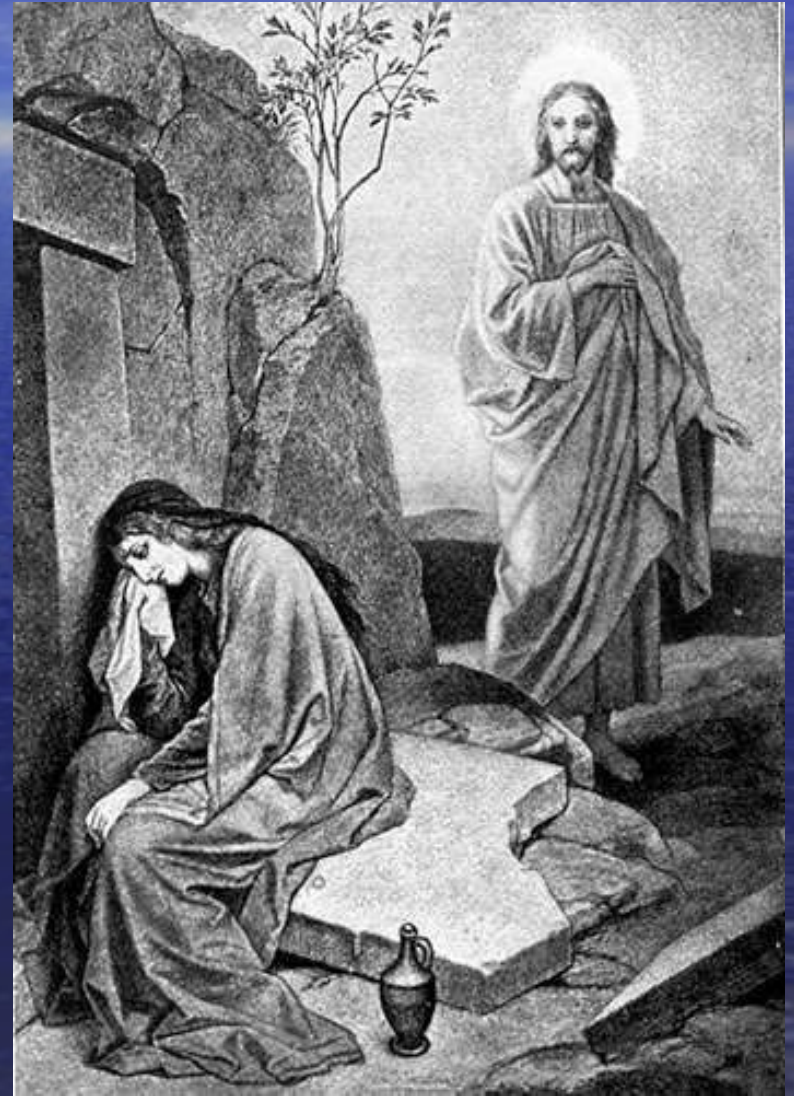
Grief

Devotion

Love

Joy

Courage





# Lessons of Mary Magdalene

- Mary Magdalene chooses life over death; love over safety.
- She exhibits courage and tenacity in the face of tragedy.
- Turn to Jesus and stand at the foot of the cross and anticipate miracles in our own lives.



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Lesson Three

John 20:18

**“I have seen the Lord”**

# John 20

## The Empty Tomb

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark, and saw the stone already taken away from the tomb. So she ran and came to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.'

So Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were going to the tomb. The two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter and came to the tomb first; and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there; but he did not go in. And so Simon Peter also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he saw the linen wrappings lying there,

and the face-cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself.

So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb then also entered, and he saw and believed. For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. So the disciples went away again to their own homes.

But Mary was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had been lying. And they said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him.'

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and 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 Hebrew, 'Rabboni!' (which means, Teacher).



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.'"' Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and that He had said these things to her (John 20 NASB).

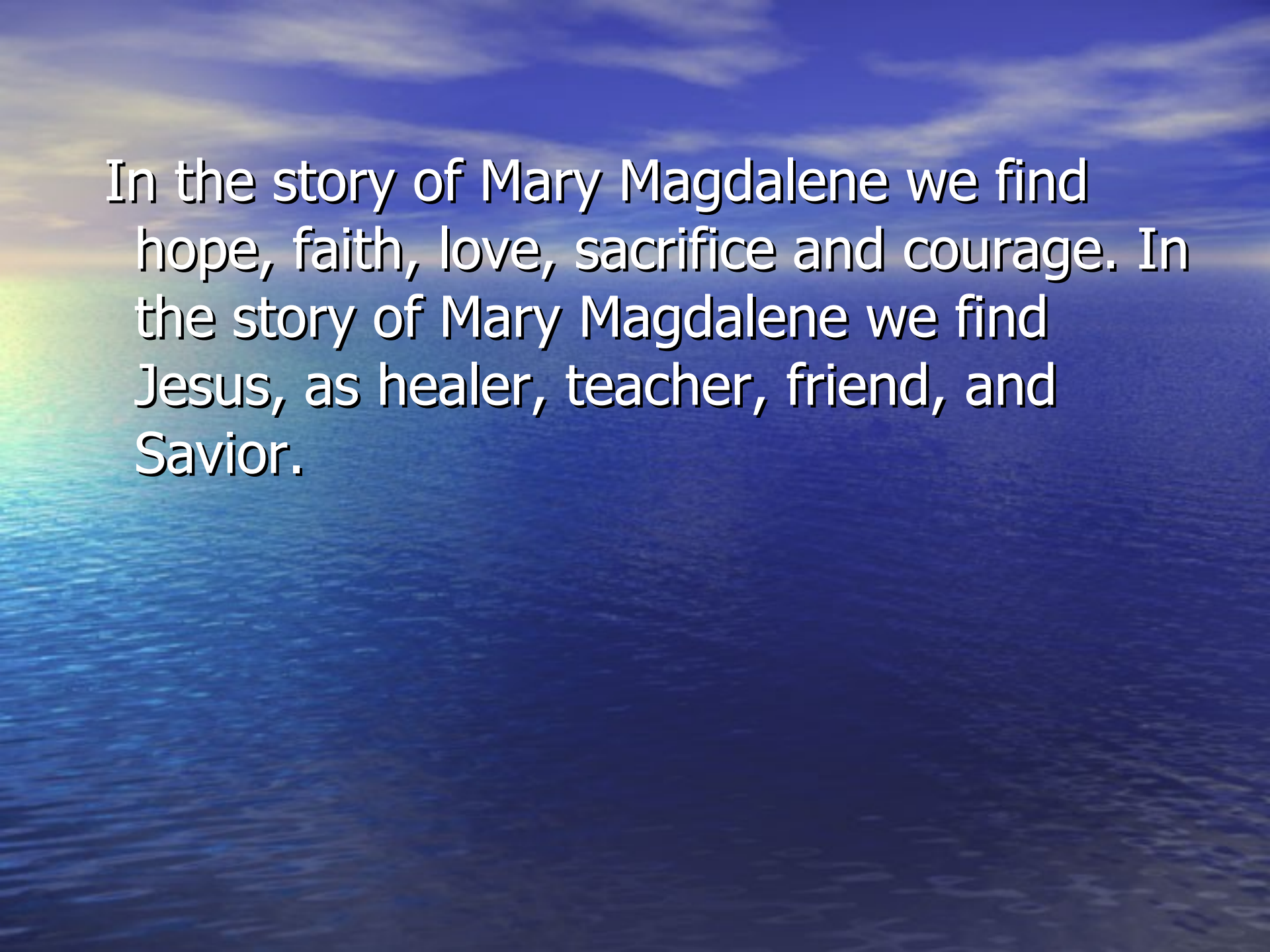
# The joy of Mary Magdalene

- Her grief was transformed into joy.
- Her place in history transcends myths, legends, and fiction.
- She was liberated by Christ
- She is given the voice and power of the proclamation “I have seen the Lord”

# Mary Magdalene

What devil once gaped from these expressive eyes,  
twisted to grimace these gently speaking lips,  
wrung and rewrung these hands in deepest stress,  
stumbled these legs, grotesqued these silken hips?  
Seven devils—all hers for three times seven years until  
one Word dispersed that brimstone crew and sudden  
rebirth marked with loveliness—  
this calm and gentle follower. Her fragile body new,  
her faith a living monument from that same hour—  
this one He chose to tell the resurrection power!

Poem by: Marie J. Post



In the story of Mary Magdalene we find hope, faith, love, sacrifice and courage. In the story of Mary Magdalene we find Jesus, as healer, teacher, friend, and Savior.