THE STRONGER SEX
MARK 15:40-41 / 1-17-18 / WED

I. MARY MAGDALENE WAS ONE WOMAN AT THE CROSS.

A. Her name is mentioned in all four gospels and there are 11 references to her there.

B. What do we know about her?
   1. She was from Magdala.
   2. Mary Magdalene was the woman out of which Jesus cast seven demons—Luke 8:2 and Mark 16:9.
   3. Mary may have been the woman who anointed Jesus with oil mentioned in Luke 8:36-50, but this is not certain.
   4. She was present at the cross.
   5. She was present at the burial.
   6. She was present at the empty tomb.

II. ANOTHER MARY WAS PRESENT AT THE CROSS.

A. Mary must have been a popular name in the first century because seven different women are called Mary in the N.T.

B. What do we know about this second woman at the cross?
   1. She had two sons, James and Joseph, a variant of Joses—Mark 15:40.
   2. She was the wife of Clopas—John 19:25.
   3. She was present at the cross.
   4. She was present at the burial.
   5. She was present at the empty tomb.

III. SALOME WAS ANOTHER WOMAN AT THE CROSS.

A. She is only mentioned by name in Mark 15:40 and 16:1.

B. She had two sons who were disciples, James and John—deduced from Matt. 27:56.

C. Her husband’s name was Zebedee—Matt. 4:21.
D. She is thought to be Jesus’ aunt and his mother’s sister, deduced from John 19:25.

E. She requested places of honor for her two sons—Matt. 20:20.

F. She was present at the cross and the empty tomb.

IV. MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS WAS AT THE CROSS.

A. She was present at Jesus’ birth (dah).

B. She was also present at his death—John 19:25.

C. She was present in the upper room before Pentecost—Acts 1:14.