

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.