I. MARY MAGDALENE’S LIFE.

A. She is only mentioned 14 times in the N.T.

B. Her name is derived from the O.T. names Miriam and Mara and taken together mean “trouble and suffering”.

C. To distinguish her from the other Mary’s in the Bible she was called Mary Magdalene.
   1. This referred to the small village where she was from, Magdala.
   2. Magdala was a fishing and textile producing village on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee.

D. There is no mention of her family, marital status or age.


F. She and other women not only followed and served Jesus, they also financially supported his ministry—Luke 8:3.

G. She had the distinction of being involved in several aspects of Jesus crucifixion and resurrection.
   1. She was at the cross—Mark 15:40.
   2. She witnessed Jesus burial—Mark 15:47
   3. She was the first to see the empty tomb—Mark 16:1 and 4.
   4. She saw the angel at the tomb—Mark 16:5.
   5. She told the disciples about the empty tomb—Mark 16:6-8.
   6. Jesus appeared to her first—Mark 16:9-10.
   7. She was the first to testify about the resurrection of Jesus—John 20:17.

II. MARY MAGDALENE’S LESSONS.

1. Jesus can change anyone who wants to be changed.

2. Jesus uses people who want to be used.
3. A follower of Jesus stays **faithful** even during tough times.

4. A follower of Jesus supports him with their **time** and **money**.

5. A follower of the Lord knows His **voice**—John 20:16.