

**FAITHFUL FOLLOWER AND FRIEND OF JESUS**  
**JOHN 20:16 / 12-22-19 / PM**

**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.
- E. Jesus cast out seven demons from her—Luke 8:1-2.
- 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.