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Mary Magdalene's story is an incredibly powerful statement about the _____ of Jesus' death on the cross, the _____ of sin, and His victory over all _____.

Who was Mary Magdalene?

- There is no one more _____ in Jesus' ministry than Mary Magdalene. She's present at _____ major event listed in Scripture once she _____ Jesus.
- Of all the people in history, the _____ person to witness the most important event in all of the universe – the Risen Savior, is a _____ who had been _____ - _____.

What Do We See About Her Character or Story?

- Her life is characterized by gracious _____, devoted _____, servant _____ and undeniable _____.
- She was a _____ for Satan to _____ Jesus and His Kingdom.
- Satan is known as the Father of _____ who roams like a _____, seeking someone to _____ and who _____ minds to the truth.
- Two ways that he can attack Christians today is through _____ and _____.

How Was She Shaped by Jesus?

- Mary Magdalene is explicitly present at both Jesus' _____ and the discovery of the _____ in all four Gospels.
- All four Gospels include the account of Jesus giving her the _____ to _____ the good news of the resurrection.
- This formerly demon-possessed woman becomes a major source of _____ for the veracity of Jesus' resurrection.

What Can We Learn from Mary Magdalene's Story?

- She not only experienced the exorcism of her demons, but at the cross, she witnessed their public _____ and _____.
- The resurrection is a public demonstration confirming that Jesus' death was _____ for the forgiveness of sin.
- One striking contrast in Scripture is that many of Satan's titles describe what he does *to* humanity: **accuse, deceive, tempt, destroy**.
- Many of Christ's titles describe what He does *for* humanity: **Savior, Redeemer, Shepherd, Advocate, Mediator, and King**.

TALK IT OVER

Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot - we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

- Mary Magdalene appears consistently throughout Jesus' ministry after He delivers her. What does her faithfulness reveal about genuine gratitude and discipleship?
- Why do you think God chose someone with Mary's past to be the first witness of the resurrection? What does that tell us about God's grace?
- Mary remained at the cross while many of the disciples fled. What qualities do you see in her that enabled her to stay?
- Satan attacks through fear and doubt. Which of those do you find more common in your own life? How does each affect your relationship with Christ?
- Satan is described in Scripture as the accuser, deceiver, tempter, and destroyer. How have you seen those tactics at work in our culture today?
- Jesus' titles include Savior, Redeemer, Shepherd, Advocate, Mediator, and King. Which of these titles means the most to you right now and why?
- Mary's past did not disqualify her from being used by God; it became part of her testimony. How has God used difficult parts of your story for His glory?
- The cross and His resurrection were where Jesus defeated sin, death, and the powers of evil. How does understanding Christ's victory change the way we face temptation, suffering, or spiritual battles today?

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- Of all the people in history, the first person to witness the most important event in all of the universe – the Risen Savior, is a woman who had been demon-possessed.

What Do We See About Her Character or Story?

- Her life is characterized by gracious transformation, devoted sacrifice, servant leadership and undeniable bravery.
- She was a vessel for Satan to oppose Jesus and His Kingdom.
- Satan is known as the Father of lies who roams like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour and who blinds minds to the truth.
- Two ways that he can attack Christians today is through fear and doubt.

How Was She Shaped by Jesus?

- Mary Magdalene is explicitly present at both Jesus' crucifixion and the discovery of the empty tomb in all four Gospels.
- All four Gospels include the account of Jesus giving her the charge to share the good news of the resurrection.
- This formerly demon-possessed woman becomes a major source of historical evidence for the veracity of Jesus' resurrection.

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