

The Chosen | Week 1 | Mary Magdalene

Key Scriptures: Luke 8:1–3; John 19:25; Mark 15:47; John 20:1–18; Ephesians 5:25–27.

1.Your Story Matters

Opening Question:

Have you ever had something in your life that you thought was beyond repair, but over time it became something meaningful or even beautiful?

- What made that experience difficult?
- Looking back, how did that experience shape you?

2. Mary Was Delivered: Jesus Gives Us Freedom

Read: Luke 8:1–3

Discussion Questions:

1. What stands out to you about Mary's transformation from someone who was suffering to someone who became a devoted follower of Jesus?

2. Why do you think people sometimes allow their past, failures, or struggles to define who they are rather than allowing Jesus to define them?

3. Have you ever experienced a season where you felt stuck, overwhelmed, or unable to overcome something on your own? How did God meet you in that season?

Put It Into Practice:

- Is there an area of your life where you need to trust Jesus for freedom?

3. Mary Was Devoted: Stay Close to Jesus in Every Season



Read: John 19:25; Mark 15:47; John 20:1

Discussion Questions:

1. What does Mary's willingness to remain near Jesus during His darkest moments teach us about what it means to be a devoted follower?

2. Why is it sometimes easier to follow Jesus during seasons of blessing than during seasons of disappointment, grief, or uncertainty?

3. What are some things that can cause us to drift away from Jesus when life gets difficult?

4. What does staying close to Jesus practically look like during a difficult season of your life?

4. Mary Made the First Declaration: Your Story Has a Purpose

Read: John 20:11–18

Mary was grieving outside the tomb when Jesus appeared to her. At first, she did not recognize Him. But when Jesus called her by name, everything changed.

Jesus then gave her an assignment: Go and tell the disciples.

Mary became the first person to announce that she had seen the risen Lord.

Key Thought: God uses ordinary people to share extraordinary news.

Jesus didn't choose Mary because of her religious credentials, reputation, or position in society. He chose someone who had experienced His grace and was willing to respond to His calling.

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think it meant to Mary when Jesus called her by name in the middle of her grief?

2. Why do you think Jesus entrusted Mary with the responsibility of being the first to announce His resurrection?

3. Have you ever felt unqualified, overlooked, or inadequate to be used by God? What does Mary's story teach us about that?



4. Who in your life needs to hear your story of what Jesus has done for you?

Put It Into Practice:

Complete this sentence:

"Because Jesus has _____ in my life, I want others to know _____."

5. The Shepherd Restores the Broken Pieces

Illustration: Kintsugi – Beauty in the Brokenness

Kintsugi is a Japanese art form that repairs broken pottery using gold to highlight the places where the object was broken.

We all experience brokenness:

- Failure and disappointment.
- Rejection and hurt.
- Weakness and uncertainty.
- Grief and seasons of suffering.

But God doesn't discard us because we've been broken. Through His grace, He restores us and gives our lives new purpose.

Read: Psalm 147:3 and 2 Corinthians 12:9

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do we sometimes try to hide our broken places instead of allowing God to meet us there?

2. How has God used a difficult season, failure, or disappointment to grow something in your life?