

Easter Reminders From Mary Magdalene  
4.5.26

John 20:11 On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she went running to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said to them, “They’ve taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they’ve put him!”

<sup>3</sup> At that, Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> Stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then, following him, Simon Peter also came. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths lying there. <sup>7</sup> The wrapping that had been on his head was not lying with the linen cloths but was folded up in a separate place by itself. <sup>8</sup> The other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, then also went in, saw, and believed. <sup>9</sup> For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood outside the tomb, crying. As she was crying, she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> She saw two angels in white sitting where Jesus’s body had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, “Woman, why are you crying?”  
“Because they’ve taken away my Lord,” she told them, “and I don’t know where they’ve put him.”

<sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> “Woman,” Jesus said to her, “why are you crying? Who is it that you’re seeking?”  
Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you’ve carried him away, tell me where you’ve put him, and I will take him away.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.”

Turning around, she said to him in Aramaic,<sup>[a]</sup> “*Rabboni!*”—which means “Teacher.”

<sup>17</sup> “Don’t cling to me,” Jesus told her, “since I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them that I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”

<sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them what<sup>[b]</sup> he had said to her.

I. Who was Mary Magdalene?

A. She was a changed woman.

Luke 8:2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary, called Magdalene (seven demons had come out of her); What did demon possession look like?

II Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has<sup>[a]</sup> come!

He forgave her.

He changed her.

Her world was different without the demons

He had given her a purpose

He had given her dignity

NOTE....

She was not....

A prostitute

The woman who was almost stoned for adultery

The girlfriend or wife of Jesus

B. She was a bold follower

She was present at the crucifixion

John 19:25 Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Mark 15:40 Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph,<sup>[a]</sup> and Salome.

She was at the burial waiting for the men to bury Jesus  
Matt 27:61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were seated there,  
facing the tomb.

C. She was the first to encounter Jesus after the resurrection

She was hurt.

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She was so ecstatic to see him.

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She heard.

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She hugged.

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She is heralded! (told)

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II. What Mary Magdalene life means for us

A. Mary Magdalene reminds us that a messy past does not limit Jesus' love for us

Jesus knows who we are

Jesus ran to messes

Jesus died for our mess

B. Mary Magdalene reminds us we can and should be hearing the voice of Jesus.

John 10:

<sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me,  
<sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

Are you hearing from Jesus? If we aren't is it.....

Sin?

Not in his word?

Not praying?

Question.....Are you a sheep yet?

C. Mary reminds us that to experience genuine change we must meet Jesus.

You can't meet Jesus and not change. If you haven't changed, you haven't met the real Jesus. [Mark Driscoll](#)

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Eph 8: <sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. NLT

Close:

"I am the resurrection and the life.

The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live.

<sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

**Do you believe this??** Jesus of Nazareth