

**HERE I AM : WEEK 6****THE LEGACY OF MARY– SHAME TO GLORY****»»» KEY SCRIPTURE**

Luke 7:36–50, John 20:11–18

**»»» KEY THOUGHT**

Mary Magdalene is a prominent figure and disciple of Jesus in all four of the Gospels. Little is known of her past, though there is much speculation about her identity and what brought her to such a place of faithfulness and pursuit of Jesus. One thing from her past we know for certain is that Mary once was riddled by demonic possession and control. Her life would've been one of anguish, shame, and mental instability. But one day she encountered Jesus, and he set her free! Her pursuit of Jesus following her deliverance is unmatched by anyone else in scripture. She was a witness to Jesus's Crucifixion, Burial, and Resurrection. Of all people, Mary was the first to witness and preach the complete Gospel Message.

**»»» OTHER SCRIPTURES**

Luke 8:1–3, Mark 15:40,47, Mark 16:1–11, John 12:1–3, Mark 16:9–11

**»»» QUESTIONS**

1. Luke 8:2 introduces Mary by name and references her deliverance from 7 demons.
  - What might her life have been like prior to meeting Jesus?
2. Mary Magdalene followed Jesus everywhere he went. She even followed Him to the Cross and to the tomb.
  - What would cause someone to be so devoted to Jesus?
3. Whatever Mary's past, she seemed to be committed to the ministry of Jesus, even supporting it financially.
  - Can devotion to Jesus cause a person to generously and sacrificially support the ministry with their wealth and finances?
4. Why did Jesus reveal himself to Mary before anyone else?
  - Doesn't this seem to violate the idea that women are not supposed to preach or teach the Gospel?



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### »» DISCUSSION

The Legacy of Mary Magdalene changed dramatically from where it was headed. We don't know exactly when that moment of surrender came, but it is clear she had a "Here I Am" moment. Share with your group about your moment.

- When did you finally decide to believe in and surrender your life to Jesus?
- If you have not yet had that "Here I Am" moment...God would want you to know...He loves you regardless and he is patiently waiting for you to receive Him.
  - If comfortable share with your group members some of the things that stop you from this kind of surrender.

