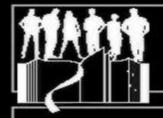






#### Luke 8:

1 Soon afterwards, He [began] going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him, 2 and [also] some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna the



#### Luke 8:

wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.



- Blessed Day to all our LADIES and MOMS!
- What makes a great follower of Jesus?
  - Is in in religious service? Is it in duty or actions?
  - Or is it a heart of thanksgiving and intimacy?
- Many people followed Jesus...
  - Men and Women...
  - Let's look today at one of these ladies

# Truth of Mary:

- Scripture mentions her 12x
  - •Mt. 27,28; Mk 15,16; Jn 19,20; Lk <u>8</u>,24
  - All the other gospels only at the Cross
- Lk is the only one who gives us detail
  - She was among several women who followed
  - All these had been healed in some way
  - Of Mary, seven demons cast out
  - NOT the woman of 7:36ff!!!

#### Heart of the Giver:

- Thanksgiving had set her heart in motion
- She was a supporter of Jesus' ministry
- She gave BECAUSE she had received
- Love and gratitude the best motivation!
- Jesus did not NEED it...
- ...but she needed to GIVE IT!
- Never an obligation, always a privilege!

## Staying Servant

- All other accounts place her at the cross
  - No danger is too great! Touched and changed!
  - She saw it all the terrible suffering
- •To what extent did this minister to Jesus?
  - Willing to be connected with Jesus when Peter is cursing and the apostles are hiding!
- •Have we any reason to be thankful?
  - Rewarded for her faithfulness! 1st to see Jesus

### Woman of

- Many invent fables about this Mary
  - "JC Superstar" "Last Temptation of Christ"
- We KNOW she needed healing!
- We KNOW she was thankful!!
- We KNOW she had courage!!!
- •We KNOW she stood firm!!!!
- We KNOW she called Him Rabboni! (Jn 20:16)

DO WE???

