

# Encounters With Jesus: Mary Magdalene

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**Scriptures:** Luke 8:1-3; John 19:38-20:18

**Bottom Line:** Jesus came to save the oppressed

Mary Magdalene - Mary of Magdala

## **Luke 8:1-3**

- Mary was saved from demonic influence by Jesus
- She, along with other women, travelled with and supported Jesus. That she is mentioned first indicates a prominent role.

## **John 19:38 - John 20:18**

- Mary, a woman, is the first person to encounter the risen Jesus
- To have a woman as the first eyewitness serves no one but the truth
- In just a word, Mary is known and called by Jesus (John 10 - my sheep know my voice)

## **Lessons From Mary's Encounter**

**Transformation** - Jesus comes to make the dead areas of our life alive again.

**Inclusion** - Jesus' inclusion of women speaks to His mission to elevate the voice and status of the oppressed

**Invitation** - Jesus invites us to look for Him ourselves

# LISTENING

Have someone in your group share a time where they encountered Jesus.:

- Set the scene! What was going on in your life at the time?
- How did you meet God? Was it through a person? Scripture?
- What was the message or feeling? What did it mean to you at that time?  
Has the meaning changed over time?

Take some time to see if anyone encountered Jesus through the story. Did He use this story to teach or encourage someone? Convict someone?

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you?  
Are there any lingering questions?
2. How have women played a role in your faith and relationship with Jesus?
3. Where are you needing Jesus to bring transformation?
4. How have you felt spiritually attacked?
  - a. 1 John 3:8 says that Jesus has come to destroy the works of the devil. Pray together that Jesus would destroy the work of the enemy in your lives.