

CHANGED FOREVER

Luke 8: 1-3, page 839, John 20:1-18, page 880 etc.

- I. OVERCOMING OUR PAST: JESUS CARED FOR MARY MAGDALENE AND DELIVERED HER FROM 7 DEMONS.
 - A. Note: Jesus may have met Mary Magdalene (of Magdala) when ministering in her area (Mark 6:53; Matthew 14:34).
 - B. Jesus cast out 7 demons from Mary (Luke 8:1-3; Mark 16:9).
 - Jesus can heal and deliver us from a difficult past.

- II. TRANSFORMING OUR PRESENT: MARY FOLLOWED AND SERVED JESUS ALL THE WAY TO HIS CRUCIFIXION.
 - A. Mary and other women followed Jesus and the disciples, serving & supporting them financially (Luke 8:1-3; Mark 15:41).
 - Serving Jesus is saying thank you (Heb. 13:15-16; Eph. 2:10).
 - B. Mary personally witnessed Jesus' crucifixion (John 19:25-27).
 - Serving Jesus may lead to suffering for Jesus (Phil. 3:10-11).

- III. SECURING OUR FUTURE: MARY WAS FIRST TO SEE THE RISEN JESUS, PROVING HE IS OUR PERSONAL SAVIOR.
 - A. Mary came to the tomb early and ran to tell Peter and John who came to see (John 20:1-9; Luke 24:1-12).

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- B. Jesus appeared to Mary personally (Mark 16:9; John 20:10-18).
- C. Mary was part of the 120 gathered in prayer (Acts 1:14-15) and likely baptized at Pentecost (Acts 2:41).
- God gives eternal life to anyone who trusts in Jesus that He died for our sins and rose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-8).