

RESURRECTION DAY 2015

"The First Appearance of Jesus After the Resurrection"



I **HAVE**
SEEN
THE *Lord!*

JOHN 20:18

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I. THE FIRST APPEARANCE WAS TO ONE WHO WAS FEARFUL

A. From Darkness to Deliverance



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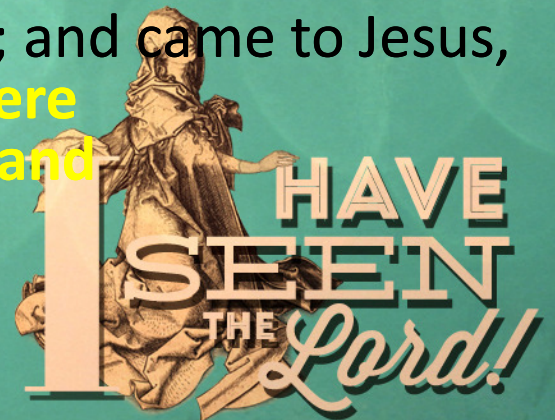
Mk. 16:9 Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first *day* of the week, **he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.**

Lu. 11:24 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out.

25 And when he cometh, he findeth *it* swept and garnished.

26 Then goeth he, and taketh *to him* **seven other spirits more wicked than himself;** and they enter in, and dwell there: and **the last state of that man is worse than the first.**

Lu. 8:35 Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and **found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind:** and they were afraid.



2 Cor. 5:17 Therefore **if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**

B. From Deliverance to Dedicated

Lu. 8:1 And it came to pass afterward, that **he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve *were* with him,**

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3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, **which ministered unto him of their substance.**

Jn. 8:36 If **the Son therefore shall make you free,** ye shall **be free indeed.**



II. THE FIRST APPEARANCE WAS TO ONE WHO WAS A FOLLOWER

Being changed includes becoming a fearless follower.

Lu. 9:23 And **he said to *them all***, If any *man* will come after me, **let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.**

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B. Mary Magdalene Followed the Savior When it was Excruciating

Jn. 19:25 Now **there stood by the cross of Jesus** his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the *wife* of Cleophas, **and Mary Magdalene.**

Mt. 27:54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

55 And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:

56 Among which was **Mary Magdalene**, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.



III. THE FIRST APPEARANCE WAS TO ONE WHO WAS FAITHFUL

Being a follower develops one to become faithful and fruitful.

A. Mary Magdalene was Faithful at the Cross

Mt. 27:57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

61 And **there was Mary Magdalene**, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.



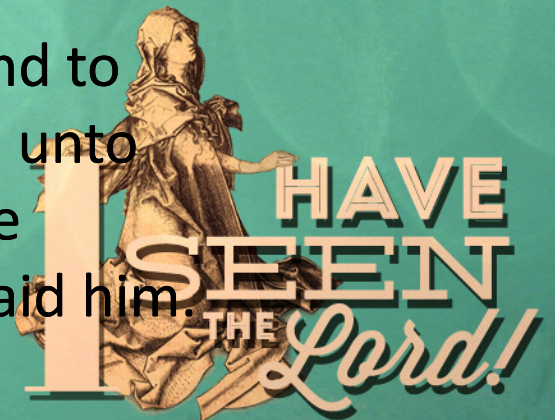
B. Mary Magdalene was Faithful After the Cross

Mt. 28:1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came **Mary Magdalene** and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

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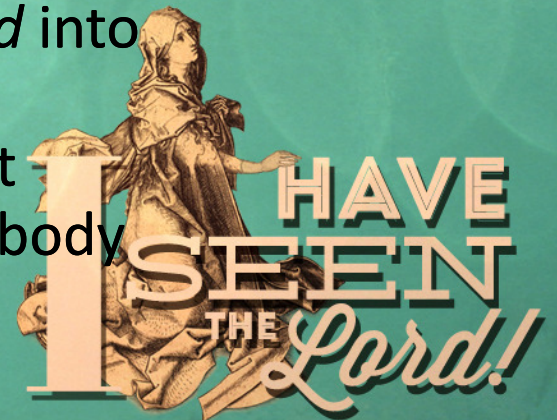
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- Mary Magdalene came to the tomb of Jesus before daylight.
- She saw the stone was rolled away and ran to tell Peter and John.
- John out runs Peter to the tomb, but Peter goes in first.
- Peter and John see the empty tomb, and went back to their homes.
- Mary Magdalene, stays at the tomb, weeping, and sees two angels.

Jn. 20:13 And they say unto her, **Woman, why weepest thou?** She saith unto them, **Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.**

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- The angels ask Mary Magdalene why she is weeping.
- Mary Magdalene turns to leave, sees Jesus, doesn't recognize Him, and He asks why she is weeping.
- Mary Magdalene offers to care for the body of Jesus.
- Jesus calls her by name – “Mary” – and she immediately knows His voice and responds by calling Him “Master.”
- Mary Magdalene goes from weeping to worshipping!
- Mary Magdalene wants to embrace the Lord Jesus, but He interrupts her with a directive – “...go to my brethren, and say unto them...”
- Mary Magdalene faithfully obeys.

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Conclusion

- Mary Magdalene was in horrible bondage to Satan.
- The Lord Jesus delivered her from spiritual bondage.
- Mary Magdalene faithfully followed the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Mary Magdalene was THE FIRST one to view the RISEN SAVIOR!

Jn. 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and **him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.**

Mt. 11:28 **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**

29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.



Isa. 38:17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but **thou hast in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.**

Psa. 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, **so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.**

Isa. 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: **though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.**



