

**John 20 Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene**

**John 20:11** Mary was standing outside the tomb crying, and as she wept, she stooped and looked in.:12 She saw two white-robed angels, one sitting at the head and the other at the foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying.:13 “Dear woman, why are you crying?” the angels asked her. “Because they have taken away my Lord,” she replied, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”:14 She turned to leave and saw someone standing there. It was Jesus, but she didn’t recognize him.:15 “Dear woman, why are you crying?” Jesus asked her. “Who are you looking for?” She thought he was the gardener. “Sir,” she said, “if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and get him.”:16 “Mary!” Jesus said. She turned to him and cried out, “Rabboni!” (which is Hebrew for “Teacher”).:17 “Don’t cling to me,” Jesus said, “for I haven’t yet ascended to the Father. But go find my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’:18 Mary Magdalene found the disciples and told them, “I have seen the Lord!” Then she gave them his message.

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**Luke 8:2** along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases. Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons;

**INTRODUCTION**

**MARY MAGDALENE HAD A DIFFICULT LIFE.... SEVERAL DEMONS HAD BEEN CAST OUT OF HER BY JESUS. THE IDEA THAT SHE WAS A PROSTITUTE CANNOT BE PROVEN IN SCRIPTURE. SEXISM SEEMS TO ALWAYS LOOK FOR WAYS TO MINIMIZE A WOMANS INFLUENCE BY CALLING HER NAMES.**

THE PLAN OF THE ENEMY IS TO RESTRICT YOUR INFLUENCE AND HIS  
PRIMARY TACTIC IS REDEFINING YOU.

## 1. RESTORE HER

SHE STOOD OUTSIDE THE TOMB

TOO OFTEN YOU FEEL YOU'RE ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN...

SHE STOOD OUTSIDE THE TOMB WEEPING

GRIEVING OVER LOSS ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE TOMB...TOMB  
REPRESENTS A DEAD JESUS...DEAD DREAMS...DEAD HOPES

*YOU CAN'T HAVE RESURRECTION WITHOUT A DEATH!!!*

SHE LOOKED INSIDE THE TOMB

YOU COME EXPECTING TO DISCOVER DEATH BUT INSTEAD DEATH  
HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY.....

*1 Corinthians 15:55 O death, where is your victory?*

*O death, where is your sting?":56 For sin is the sting that results in death, and  
the law gives sin its power.:57 But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and  
death through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*:58 So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work  
enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is  
ever useless.*

## 2. REVEAL TO HER

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**SHOW HER WHO HE IS- REVELATION**

**WHY ARE YOU CRYING?**

**CRYING BECAUSE I'M STILL USING MY NATURAL MIND AND I THINK YOU'RE DEAD BECAUSE I DON'T SEE YOU.**

**WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?**

**IN ORDER TO FIND HIM YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHO YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!**

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**SHOW HER WHAT SHE CAN DO!**

**THE RELEASE IS THE LAUNCHING OF YOUR PURPOSE...**

### **3. RELEASE HER**

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**STARTS WITH DEMONS. IT STARTS WITH BONDAGE. IT STARTS WITH LOSS. IT STARTS WITH TEARS.**

**RELEASE HER MONEY- HOW SHE SOWS.**

**MONEY FOR MISSIONS. MONEY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. MONEY TO CHANGE LIVES.**

**RELEASE HER MINISTRY - HOW SHE FLOWS.**

**Acts of the Apostles 1:14 They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.**

**Acts of the Apostles 1:15 During this time, when about 120 believers were together in one place, Peter stood up and addressed them.**

**RELEASE HER MESSAGE - HOW SHE GOES.**

**THIS MESSAGE IS GLOBAL. MESSAGE IS POWERFUL. MESSAGE SETS PEOPLE FREE.**

**SUPPORTING TEXTS**

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**Luke 8:3 Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's business manager; Susanna; and many others who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples.**

**LUKE 8.1-3 WOMEN WHO FINANCED MINISTRY**

**LUKE 8:2 SEVEN DEMONS CAST OUT**

**JOHN 19:25 SHE STOOD AT THE CROSS**

**LUKE 7:36 SINNER WITH THE ALABASTER BOX**

**JOHN 12.1-3 MARY, LAZARUS SISTER, ANOINTED HIM WITH PERFUME**