

MARY MAGDALENE IN THE SCRIPTURES

Luke 8:1-3

“And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God; and the twelve who were ordained of him were with him, and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went 7 devils; and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others, who ministered unto him with their substance”

John 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.”

Mark 16:1

“And when the Sabbath was passed, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Salome, bought sweet spices, that they might come anoint him.”



Mark 15:45 & 51 Matthew 27:59 & 63

“There were also women on looking afar off, among them who was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger, and of Joses and Salome; who also when he was in Galilee followed him and ministered unto him... and Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of Joses, beheld where he was laid. ”

John 20:1-2

Matthew 28:1-2

“The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulcher, and seeth the stone taken away and two angels sitting thereon. Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved.”

Luke 24:7-10

Mark 16:8-10

“And they remembered his words, and returned from the sepulcher, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women who were with them, who told these things to the apostles. And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not.”

John 20:10-18

“Then the disciples went away again unto their own homes, but Mary stood without at the sepulcher weeping; and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulcher, and seeth two angels in white setting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 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. And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Hold me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father; but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.”

God Story

by Anne Wilson

I've gone where the hopeless go, the dead end of a broken road
And I've learned there's a place so low you can't see your way out
Been stuck in a ditch so deep, thought it might be the end of me
But I'm still here and there could only be one way how

My life is a God story
I gotta tell the world what He's done for me
Miracle on miracles that only He could do
I'm proof that we're all only one prayer away from a testimony
There's only One getting all the glory
My whole life is a God story

From beginning to the end, from who I was to who I am
I can see His fingerprints on every single page
Now the story I love to tell
Is the story of the One who brought me back from hell
From "all wrong" to "it is well", and all I can say is
My life is a God story

From death to life, from blind to sight
This is my God story
From lost to found, from then to now
I'll tell you how, God story
Who brought me through from old to new
It's a true God story
Not hard to see the change in me
Could only be a God story

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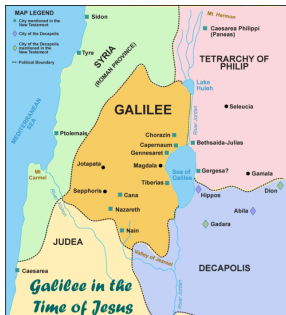
WHAT IS YOUR GOD STORY?

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE LIFE OF MARY MAGDELENE?

WHO WAS MARY MAGDELENE BEFORE CHRIST?	WHO WERE <u>YOU</u> BEFORE CHRIST?
TRANSFORMATION BLESSINGS AND TESTIMONIES	
WHO WAS MARY MAGDELENE AFTER CHRIST?	WHO ARE <u>YOU</u> AFTER CHRIST?

If someone were to write 10-12 sentences about your encounter and relationship with Jesus what would it entail? That's all we have to go on with Mary Magdalene. What have your encounters with Christ been like? Have they been life changing?

WHO IS THIS MARY?



Mary was from Magdala, which we know is a fishing town by the Sea of Galilee. Because of this she is referenced as Mary Magdalene, which means “woman from Magdala”



Possible that she was referenced as Mary Magdalene because she was not married and had no children to be referenced to like most other women in scriptures.



The biblical meaning of her name is “high tower” and the spiritual meaning of her name is the “embodiment of divine or unconditional love”

MARY WAS IN DARKNESS

LUKE 8:2

“And it came to pass that afterward that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God; and the twelve who were ordained of him, were with him, and certain women who had been healed of _____ and _____, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went _____ devils...”

Psalms 103:13

“As far as the east is from the west, so far has he _____ from us.”

Hebrews 8:12

“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I _____.”

Matthew 9:13-14

“When Jesus heard them he said unto them, they that be _____ a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what this meaneth; I will have mercy and not sacrifice; for I am not come to call the righteous, but _____.”

WHAT DOES DARKNESS LOOK LIKE?

Revelation 12:8 *"Neither was there place found in heaven for the _____, that old _____ called the _____, and also called _____ which decieveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth; and his angels were cast out with him."*



Ephesians 6:12 *"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the _____, against _____ in high places."*

They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.



2 Corinthians 11:14-15

"..Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his _____ also be _____ as the ministers of _____.."

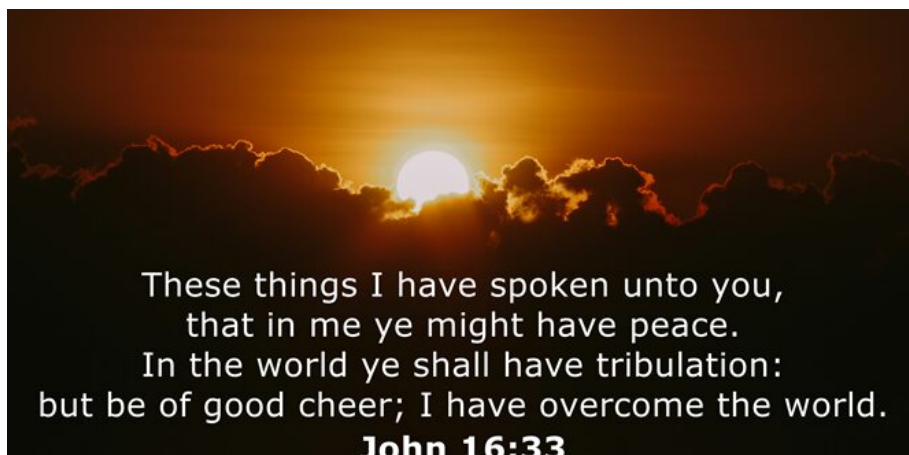
2 Corinthians 2:11

"Lest Satan should get an _____ of us; for we are _____ of his devices."

Genesis 3:4-5

..."I caused that he should be cast down and he became Satan. Yea even the devil, the father of all _____, to _____, and to _____ men, and to _____ at his will, even as many as would not hearken unto my voice."

WHAT TRUTH DO WE HAVE TO BATTLE DARKNESS?



What was or is your battle of darkness?

Do you believe your transgression are forgiven and forgotten?

Do you believe your infirmities can be healed?

Where in your life do you need that great physician to come?

BEING BROUGHT TO LIGHT

Mark:1-10, 15-17

Had an unclean spirit, yet called himself legions because of the many spirits working together to destroy him

*Referred to himself as legions because there were so many

*Became an outcast, lived in the tombs

*Said to be able to break chains and fetters

*Often found crying and cutting himself

*Highly unlikeable and unapproachable

JESUS WENT TO HIM!

Mark 9:17-18

*Had a dumb and deaf spirit

*Had seizures

*Foamed at the mouth

*He “pineth” away, health deteriorated because of grief/pain

*Spirit tried to destroy him, make him take his own life

HE WAS BROUGHT TO JESUS!

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

*Messenger of Satan sent to put a thorn in his flesh

*Evil spirit used physical to create a mental block

*Asked three times for it to be removed, but it wasn't

HE WENT TO JESUS IN PRAYER!



MARY WAS HEALED AND RESTORED

Psalms 103:1-4

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and _____ his _____. Who _____ all thine iniquities; who _____ all diseases; who _____ thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with _____ and _____..."

1 Peter 5:10-11

"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto eternal glory by Jesus Christ, _____ that ye have _____ a while, make you _____, _____, _____ and _____ you.

To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever."

MARY BECAME A DEVOTED FOLLOWER



Followed him and
ministered
unto him with her
substance
Mark 15:45, Luke 8:3

Luke 14:27

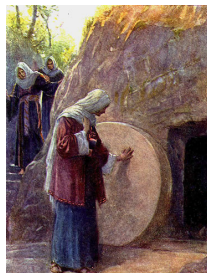
"whosoever doth not _____, and come after me, cannot _____."

Matthew 16:26

"And now for a man to take up his cross, is to _____ himself of all _____, and every _____, and _____ my commandments."

Luke 14:34

"Likewise, whosoever of you forsake not _____ that he hath cannot be my disciple."



Mary **stood by Jesus** throughout it all even following to the tomb to see where he was laid and later returning in hopes of preparing his body.

MARY WAS BLESSED



Mary **saw angels**. Mary **saw and spoke with Jesus**.
Mary was the **first to share** about his resurrection.

HOW CAN THE STORY OF MARY MAGDALENE BE YOUR STORY?

Mary was in Darkness	Look to identify ways that Satan tempts or manipulates you, especially when it comes to not speaking about it.
Light came to Mary	Christ wants to and will reveal himself to you. Seek him out, use others to help you find him more intimately. Find the truth of all things
Mary learned to live in the light	Stay focused on Christ. Learn his word, his way and how to interact with his people. Be all in!
Mary's light was shared	Share the light and love that transformed you Even better be such a light that others will want to share for you.

WRITINGS OF MARY MAGDALENE
(excerpts taken from "The Chosen")

Darkness is not the absence of light
That would be too simple
It's more uncontrollable and sinister
Not a place but a void
I was there once, more than once
And although I could not see or hear you
You were there – waiting
Because the darkness is not dark to you
At least, it's not always...

The coming darkness is too deep for us to grasp
But then so is the light
One has to come before the other
It's always that way with you – it still is..

I go back to that place sometimes
Or rather it comes back to me – uninvited
The night that was eternal - until it wasn't
Bitter and then sweet
Somehow the bitter remained in the sweet
and has never gone away
You told us it would be like that
Not with your words, but with how you lived
The man of sorrows acquainted with grief
That grief wasn't what we wanted to see...

But soon, we couldn't hide from it anymore than
We could stop the sun from setting or rising
I remember you wishing there could be another way
And looking back I do too
I still don't know why it has to be this way
The bitter often mangled with the sweet
Maybe I never will
At least, not on this side

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“And the light which now shineth, which giveth you light, is through him who enlighteneth your eyes, which is the same light that quickeneth your understandings; which light proceedeth forth from the presence of God, to fill the immensity of space.

The light which is in all things; which giveth life to all things; which is the law by which all things are goverened; even the power of God who sitteth upon his throne, who is in the bosom of eternity, who is in the midst of all things.

D&C 85:3b