Women in the Word OUR FAVORITE STORIES June 28-29, 2023

## A Moment With The Savior

Luke 8:1-3, John 20:11-18

1. Introduce yourself to the women at your table. Also, share something that made you smile this week.

2. Read Luke 8:1-3. How is Mary Magdalene described in verse 2? What do you think her life was like before she met Jesus?

3. Reread Luke 8:1-3 and read Mark 15:40-41. What do you observe about Mary Magdalene's life after she met Jesus?

In one sentence, describe your life before you met Jesus.

In one sentence, describe your life after you met Jesus.

4. Mary Magdalene stayed near Jesus during his crucifixion and death. Read the following verses and list what you learn about where Mary Magdalene was and what she was doing.

John 19:25-27

Matthew 27:57-61

Mark 16:1-3

John 20:1-2

John 20:11-15

5. Considering what Mary Magdalene saw and experienced during Jesus' death, how would you describe her emotional state? How would you describe her commitment to Jesus?

6. Describe someone you know with a deep devotion and commitment to Jesus.

What fuels and encourages you in your loyalty and love for Jesus?

7. Read John 20:16-17. How might Mary Magdalene have felt as she recognized Jesus' voice and saw Him alive?

How have you been influenced by the presence and love of Jesus?

8. Read John 20:18. What did Mary Magdalene do?

What are ways you can serve and speak to others that point them to Jesus?

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#### Misery Before Life With Jesus

Mary faced deeply agonizing, consuming pain and suffering from demons.

The enemy marred Mary's relationship with the one true God.

No pain or suffering is too great for Jesus. Take it \_\_\_\_\_\_ to Him.

### Full Life With Jesus

Jesus healed Mary from seven demons and replaced her trauma with freedom.

Walking with Jesus provided Mary a personal view of the power, compassion, wisdom, and difficulty of His life.

Faith in Jesus grafted Mary into a healthy community of like-minded followers of Jesus.

The Savior invited Mary into a fulfilling purpose and godly mission of service.

Embrace fully the opportunities, sacrifices, and \_\_\_\_\_\_ of life with Jesus.

#### Heartache At The Loss Of Jesus

Mary observed the horror and injustice of Jesus' torture, death, and burial.

Crushing grief engulfed Mary and her beloved friends and followers of Jesus.

From the cross to the burial to the tomb, Mary stood with and served Jesus in the midst of pain.

The confusion and distress of the empty tomb exacerbated the devastating loss.

Grieve, and keep taking the \_\_\_\_\_\_ step in following Jesus.

#### Joy And Calling At The Resurrection of Jesus

As Jesus spoke Mary's name, uncontainable joy erased her gut-wrenching despair.

Jesus and Mary shared a tender, loving, personal moment between Teacher and redeemed friend.

Jesus called Mary to the privilege of telling Jesus' grief-stricken spiritual family, and the world, that Jesus is alive!

> Savor your moments of time with Jesus. telling others Jesus is alive. Share the hope of the resurrection.

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MATTHEW 12:22 Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw.

MARK 9:17-18a, 20-22 And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid... And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. An Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. And i has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us."

MATTHEW 4:24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.

JOHN 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have abundantly."

JOHN 19:25 ...but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife c Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

MATTHEW 27:57-61 When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

MARK 16:1-3 When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

EPHESIANS 3:18-19 ...may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

JOHN 16:7 "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you."