

LIVING GODS WILL

The Disciple

MARY MAGDALENE



Mary Magdalene at the cross by Guido Reni

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Born: Magdala, Israel
Died: (Possibly Ephesus, Greece)
Death: Unknown

Mary Magdalene was a **follower** of the Lord Jesus Christ.

She was a **financial supporter** of Jesus ministry.

She **traveled** around with Jesus and his 12 Disciples.

She was present at the **crucifixion** of Jesus.

She was the first person to witness the **resurrection** of Jesus.

Mary Magdalene was a woman from whom Jesus cast out **seven demons** (**Luke 8:2**). The name **Magdalene** likely indicates that she came from **Magdala**, a city on the southwest coast of the Sea of Galilee. After Jesus cast seven demons from her, she became one of His followers.

Mary Magdalene has been associated with the "**woman in the city who was a sinner**" (**Luke 7:37**) who washed Jesus' feet, but there is no scriptural basis for this. The city of Magdala did have a reputation for prostitution.

This information, coupled with the fact that **Luke** first mentions Mary Magdalene immediately following his account of the sinful woman (**Luke 7:36-50**), has led some to equate the two women.

But there is no scriptural evidence to support this idea. Mary Magdalene is nowhere identified as a **prostitute or as a sinful woman**, despite popular portrayals of her as such.

Mary Magdalene is also often associated with the woman whom Jesus **saved from stoning** after she had been taken in adultery (**John 8:1-11**). But again, this is an association with no evidence. This view is possible, but not likely and certainly not taught in the Bible.

Mary Magdalene witnessed most of the events surrounding the crucifixion.

1. She was present at the mock trial of Jesus
2. She heard **Pontius Pilate** pronounce the death sentence
3. She saw Jesus beaten and humiliated by the crowd.
4. She was one of the women who stood near Jesus during the crucifixion to try to comfort Him.
5. The earliest witness to the resurrection of Jesus
6. She was sent by Jesus to tell the others (**John 20:11-18**).

Although this is the last mention of her in the Bible, she was probably among the women who gathered with the apostles to await the promised coming of the **Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14)**.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:40 There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were **Mary Magdalene**, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

Mark 15:47 And **Mary Magdalene** and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid.

Matthew 27:55 And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were there looking on from afar, among whom were **Mary Magdalene**, Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's sons.

Matthew 27:61 And **Mary Magdalene** was there, and the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

John 20:1 Now on the first day of the week **Mary Magdalene** went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

John 20:11 But **Mary** stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

John 20:18 **Mary Magdalene** came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

Luke 8:2 And certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities--**Mary** called **Magdalene**, out of whom had come seven demons.

Luke 24:10 It was **Mary Magdalene**, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles.