



WOMEN THAT FOLLOWED

Jesus Rewards the Faithful

Meeting Messiah – Women Changed by Jesus

Series Summary

- ◆ *Woman of Samaria – Jesus Rescues the Outcast*
- ◆ *Mighty Widows – Jesus Redeems the Afflicted*
- ◆ *Woman Taken in Adultery – Jesus Restores the Fallen*
- ◆ *Women that Followed – Jesus Rewards the Faithful*

Agenda

- ◆ **Introducing the Women**
- ◆ **Practical Discipleship**
- ◆ **Witnessing Resurrection**

Key Question:

How can we best
serve Christ?

Certain Women

“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, And certain women,** which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.” **Lk. 8:1–3**

Who Were the Women?

Salome:

- ♦ Zebedee's wife, mother of James & John
- ♦ Jesus' aunt (Mary's sister)
- ♦ Asked for her sons to sit beside Jesus in his kingdom (Matt. 20:20–23);
- ♦ Approached the cross, saw the empty tomb & the angels, and met the risen Lord

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Mary – Wife of Cleophas:

- ♦ Wife of Cleophas (John 19:25)
- ♦ Mother of James 'the less' and Joses (Mark 15:40)
- ♦ "the other Mary" (Matt. 27:61; 28:1)
- ♦ Witnessed crucifixion, burial, empty tomb, and risen Lord

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Who Were the Women?

Mary Magdalene:

- ♦ Healed of 7 devils (total insanity)
- ♦ Ministered to Jesus of her substance (Lk. 8:2–3)
- ♦ Witnessed crucifixion, burial, empty tomb, and resurrection
- ♦ First person to meet the risen Lord (Mk. 16:19)

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Ministered to Jesus of her substance (Lk. 8:2–3)

Joanna:

- ♦ Wife of Chuza, Herod's steward
- ♦ Healed by Jesus of an evil spirit (Lk. 8:2–3)
- ♦ Wealthy – used her substance to minister
- ♦ Stood afar off at the crucifixion, saw the empty tomb & the angels, and met Jesus (Lk. 23:49, 24:1–10)

Jesus (Lk. 23:49, 24:1–10)

Used her substance to minister (Lk. 8:2–3)

Others?

Susanna (Luk. 8:2–3)

- ♦ Healed by Jesus, used her substance to minister

Peter's Mother-in-Law (Mt. 8:15)

- ♦ Healed by Jesus, the first woman to minister to Jesus

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The Women: His Disciples

“Which **followed Jesus** from Galilee, ministering unto him...” **Mt. 27:55**

The way from Galilee to Jerusalem was **the way of the cross!** (Mt. 20:17–19; Mk. 10:32–34)

Mar. 10:21 — Give away possessions, take up your cross, and follow me.

Matt. 16:24–26; Luk. 14:27 — To be a disciple, you are required to deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow Jesus.

Luke 24:6–8 — “Remember how he spake unto you... and they remembered his words.”

(**Mat 16:21; 17:22–23; 20:18–19**)

The Women: His Ministers

“Which followed Jesus from Galilee, **ministering** unto him...” **Mt. 27:55**

“Certain women... **ministered** to him of their substance.” – **Lk. 8:3**

Matt. 4:11 — “Angels came and **ministered** unto him”

Heb. 1:14 — Angels are “**ministering** spirits, sent forth to **minister**”

Matt. 20:27–28 — “Jesus came to **minister** in giving his life”

- **Luke 22:26–27**

The disciples struggled to learn to minister to each other free of self-interest.

The Women at the Cross

	John 19:25	Matt. 27:55–56	Mark 15:40
Jesus' Mother, Mary	"His mother"		
Jesus' Aunt, Salome – wife of Zebedee; mother of James and John	"his mother's sister"	"the mother of Zebedee's children"	"Salome"
Mary – wife of Cleophas; mother of James and Joses	"Mary the wife of Cleophas"	"Mary the mother of James and Joses"	"Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses"
Mary Magdalene	"Mary Magdalene"	"Mary Magdalene"	"Mary Magdalene"

The Women at the Burial

“And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 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 sepulcher, and departed. And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, Mary the mother of Joses, sitting over against the sepulcher, and beheld the sepulcher, and how his body was laid.”

SoS 8:6 — Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for **love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave:** the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.

The Women at the Resurrection

“And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified. Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: **Come, see the place where the Lord lay!** Remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.”

Harmonization: Matthew Mark Luke

“Mary”

“Jesus saith unto her ‘Mary.’ She turned herself, and said unto him ‘Rabboni.’” – **Jn. 20:16**

“The sheep hear [the shepherd’s] voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name.”

“I am the good shepherd: The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. I know my sheep, and am known of mine.” **John 10:1–18**

“Touch Me Not”

Present middle imperative in prohibition with genitive case, meaning “cease clinging to me” rather than “Do not touch me.” (Robertson’s word pictures).

Other Versions:

“Do not Cling to me” (Wey)

“Be not touching me” (YLT)

“Cling not to me” (Clarke)

“By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. The watchmen that go about the city found me: to whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth? It was but a little that I passed from them, but I found him whom my soul loveth: **I held him, and would not let him go.**” **Song 3:1–4**

“Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.” – Ps. 30:5

Go unto my Brethren

John 20:17 – “Jesus saith unto her, Touch 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.”

John 16:16

A little while, and ye shall not see me:

and again, a little while and ye shall see me,

because I go to the Father.

The few hours that would pass before Jesus dies and was buried.

The few days that would pass before Jesus was risen, and they would see him again.

When they saw him again, they would know he was going to the Father.

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Jesus Rewards the Faithful

- **Matt. 25:44** — “When saw we thee... and did not minister?” “Inasmuch as ye did it not to the least of these my brethren.

Heb. 6:10 – “For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have **ministered** to the saints, and do **minister**.”

- **Matt. 20:26–27** – “But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave...”

The Women: Witnesses

- ♦ **Matt. 28:78** — “And they departed, with fear and great joy, and did run to bring his disciples word.” (See also: Lk. 24:9–11; 22–24; Jn. 20:17–18; Mar. 16:9–11)
- ♦ **Lk. 24:46–48; Act. 1:8** – Witnessing to Christ’s Death & Resurrection was the main apostolic role (See also: Act. 2:32; 3:15; 5:32; 10:39; 10:41; 13:31)

Isa. 52:7 – “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.””

LESSONS

Jesus Rewards the Faithful

Never stop telling the good news of how Jesus has changed your life.

Express your love and devotion to Jesus by ministering to his brethren.

Your discipleship matters to Jesus – and he will reward your service.

