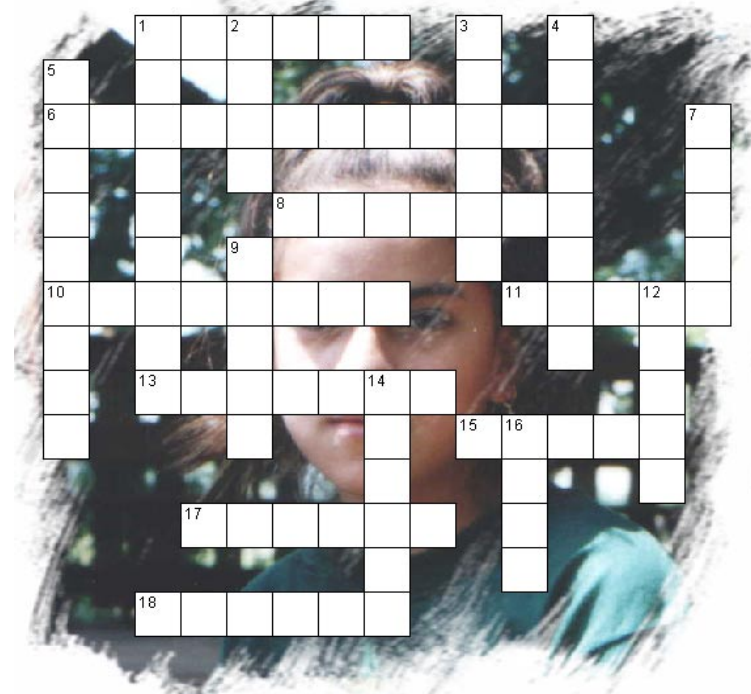


Crossword Puzzle

God's Calling in the New Testament

- Lesson Eight -

In the Gospels – Mary the Magdalene

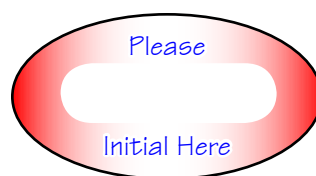


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| 1. Mary had seven ____ cast out. | 1. The ____ were perplexed... |
| 6. ...first to see the Lord in _____. | 2. ____ the Magdalene. |
| 8. Her one desire was to be one of His disciples and _____. | 3. ...to prepare ____ for His burial. |
| 10. She _____ the Him during His ministry... | 4. ...she followed Him during His ____... |
| 11. From Galilee to the _____. | 5. ...to Jerusalem to be _____. |
| 13. ...such a ____ enjoyment of the Lord Jesus. | 7. ...Peter nor John nor _____... |
| 15. ...the ____ which had covered the tomb had been rolled away... | 9. ...to supply the Lord and His disciples with _____. |
| 17. Even before He ascended to the __. | 12. Mary had ____ demons cast out. |
| 18. ...through all their ____ and rejections. | 14. ____ told them that Jesus had risen from the dead. |
| | 16. ...she returned to the ____ on the first day of the week, before dawn. |

Parent's Initials:



I. Overview.

One of the most faithful and loving disciples of the Lord Jesus was a woman who had been possessed by seven demons. Her name was Mary the Magdalene. She ministered to the Lord, all the way from Galilee to the cross, with great gratitude for her wonderful salvation. Because she was a faithful follower of the Lord and because she was a real seeker of the Lord after His resurrection, she was the first one that the Lord appeared to after He was resurrected.



Mary the Magdalene followed the Lord faithfully.

Although the twelve apostles were all men, the Lord also called many women to follow Him. Mary the Magdalene was the most notable female among all of His disciples. She had been set free by the Lord from seven demons and she had given her whole life to follow the Lord. She became a great help and encouragement to the Lord in His ministry.

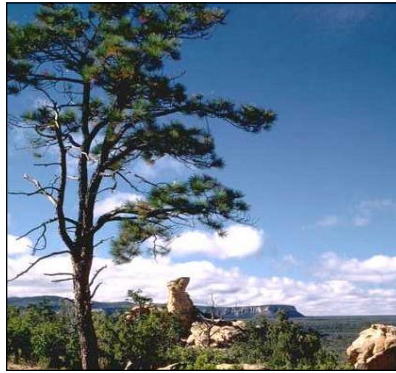
II. Memory Verse.

“Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary the Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons.”

(Mark 16:9)

III. Lesson.

Mary the Magdalene probably became possessed by seven demons by worshipping idols. But after she met the Lord Jesus and was set free from the demons, she had no other desire than to follow the Lord wherever He went. Her one desire was to be one of His disciples and helpers. One way that she and other women ministered to the Lord was to supply the Lord and His disciples with money.



Mary the Magdalene followed Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem.

Following From Galilee to the Cross

Mary the Magdalene was a faithful follower of the Lord Jesus beginning from Galilee. She followed Him during His ministry and eventually when He went to Jerusalem to be crucified. She suffered along with the Lord and His disciples through all their trials and rejections. She did not forsake the Lord when He was going to Jerusalem to be crucified. It seemed that only she understood when He told the disciples about His crucifixion and resurrection.

Mary the Magdalene was at the cross when Jesus was being crucified. After the Lord died, she remained near to watch where He would be buried. She and other women then went home to prepare spices for His burial. After keeping the Sabbath, Mary returned to the tomb on the first day of the week, before dawn. She brought the spices and came with other women to the tomb. When they arrived, they found the stone that had covered the tomb rolled away and Jesus' body was gone.

First to See the Lord in Resurrection

When they entered the tomb, angels told them that Jesus had risen from the dead. The women reported this to the disciples, who came to the tomb and saw that it was so. The disciples were perplexed and went back home. But Mary remained at the tomb alone – still seeking the Lord. The Lord Jesus came to her and spoke her name. She was the first one who saw the Lord Jesus in resurrection. It was not Peter nor John nor James who saw the Lord first. Even before He ascended to the Father, He appeared to Mary! How blessed was Mary the Magdalene to have received such a wonderful salvation and such a special enjoyment of the Lord Jesus!

– Questions for Discussion –

1. Did the Lord Jesus call only men to follow Him?

2. Describe the salvation that Mary the Magdalene had experienced?

3. Who saw the Lord Jesus in resurrection first.?"

4. What did Mary do to prepare for the Lord's burial?

