

Mary's beginning with Jesus was an experience of deliverance

*...he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: **Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,***

...who provided for them out of their means.

Luke 8:1-3

We have been delivered from sin's penalty and control

Colossians 1:13 "...delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved son."

Ephesians 2:1-2 "...following the prince of the power of the air who is now at work in the sons of disobedience."

Luke 1:79 "...to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death"

Mary's deliverance resulted in sacrificial and courageous devotion

Jesus became Mary's "one thing"

"_____ is life, the rest is just details."

Mary's deliverance resulted in courageous devotion

When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

There were also many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him, among whom were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Matthew 27:54-56

Mary accomplished Jesus' purposes for her by abiding

...she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!"

John 20:14-16

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

John 20:17-18

*Moreover, **some women of our company amazed us.** They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and **found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.**"*

Luke 24:21-24

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:4-5