



Mary Magdalene Saw Jesus (Luke 8, Mark 15, John 19-20)

Easter - April 19-20, 2025



Ignaz Semmelweis
(1818-1865)

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The Semmelweis Effect

This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Acts 2:32 NKJV

Do you believe the witnesses who saw that Jesus rose again?

10 Appearances over 40 Days

- 1. Mary Magdalene**
- 2. Women**
- 3. Peter**
- 4. 2 Disciples**
- 5. 10 Apostles**
- 6. 11 Apostles**
- 7. 7 Apostles**
- 8. 500+ Witnesses**
- 9. James**
- 10. 11 Apostles**

- 1. Mary Magdalene**
- 2. Women**

Now it came to pass, afterward, that He went through every city and village, preaching and bringing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with Him, *Luke 8:1 NKJV*

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

and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who provided for Him from their substance. *Luke 8:3 NKJV*

"Mary Magdalene... highlights the transformative power of Jesus to heal those He encountered... Like Mary Magdalene, we have been invited to journey with Jesus. Not on our terms but His. Not according to our vision but His. Not by our power but His." (Jennifer Powell McNutt, pg. 136, 163)

**Is Jesus changing you – like He changed Mary Magdalene?
Are you journeying with Jesus – like Mary Magdalene did?**

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. *John 19:25 NKJV*

When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" *John 19:26 NKJV*

Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. *Mark 15:46 NKJV*

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

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 20:1 NKJV*

Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." *John 20:2 NKJV*

But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. *John 20:11 NKJV*

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 20:12 NKJV*

Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." *John 20:13 NKJV*

Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. *John 20:14 NKJV*

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away." *John 20:15 NKJV*

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher). *John 20:16 NKJV*

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'" *John 20:17 NKJV*

This week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

April 20– Mark 16, Family Focus – Mark 16:19-20

April 21– Psa 22, Family Focus – Psa 22:1-5

April 22– Reflection & Prayer

April 23– 1 Pet 1, Family Focus – 1 Pet 1: 3-16

April 24– 1 Pet 2, Family Focus – 1 Pet 2: 13-25

April 25– 1 Pet 3, Family Focus – 1 Pet 3: 13-17
April 26– 1 Pet 4, Family Focus –1 Pet 4: 7-14

April 20

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This month, we are learning about Jesus's resurrection and the Easter story!

Memory Verse: "Jesus is alive." Matthew 28:6 (adapted for toddlers)

Parent Connect: Today's craft shows animals praising with their animal friends that Jesus is alive! We can sing and tell others that Jesus is alive! Use the QR code to sing a song with your friends and family about how Jesus is alive!



In this series, we will learn about the greatest Easter story – Jesus dying on the cross for our sins and rising from the grave. The series will cover starting with the Last Supper and continue to His promised return.

Memory Verse: "He is not here; for He is risen as he said." Matthew 28:6a

Heart of the Lesson: Easter | Matthew 26-28, Mark 15-16, Luke 23-24

Parent Connect: Today the kids learned about Easter and the best gift we could ever receive – Jesus dying for our sins on the cross and the rising from the grave three days later! As your family celebrates the Easter holiday take time to pray as a family thanking God for such a wonderful day!



Jesus's resurrection was witnessed by many different people in many different ways. However; these people didn't just see the resurrected Jesus, they were changed by it. We can be changed by the resurrection of Jesus and be just as amazed by it as the people who witnessed it.

Memory Verse: "He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying." Matthew 28:6

Heart of the Lesson: Mary Magdalene Saw | John 20:11-18

Parent Connection: Search a recipe for "Resurrection Rolls" and use the following examples as you go through the making process to tell the story of Jesus: The dough represents the tomb that they put Jesus into after his crucifixion. The white marshmallow represents Jesus. The melted butter represents the oils of embalming Jesus was anointed with. The cinnamon and sugar mixture represents the spices that were rubbed on Jesus after his death before they placed him in the tomb. Wrapping the dough around the marshmallow represents the burial linen that Jesus was wrapped in. The baking time in the oven represents the 3 days and 3 nights Jesus was in the tomb

This month, we're continuing in our "One Vision" initiative by looking at different people who saw Jesus, experienced His love and power, and shared that with others. Jesus invites us to "come and see" who He is, just like He did with His first disciples. As we experience Him, we're called to share that hope with those around us. Whether it's inviting a friend to G56 or Grace Students, sharing a story about how God has helped us through a tough time, going on a mission trip, or offering to pray with someone at school, we can be part of helping others come and see Jesus too.

Memory Verse: "Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people!" Psalm 66:5

Heart of the Lesson: (Easter) – Come and see: Jesus is alive! – John 20:1-18

Parent Connect: This Easter, we focused on how Mary Magdalene was the first to see Jesus alive and how she went to tell others the good news. Celebrate as a family that Jesus is alive by making a list of reasons why the resurrection is good news. Then, brainstorm creative ways to share that hope—like writing verses in chalk in your driveway writing a short note of encouragement to someone who needs hope, or recording a quick video sharing what Easter means to you.



It can be helpful to see different perspectives of a story! Different people will experience different pieces of the story, which can help us understand the story better. Today, we're focusing on what Mary Magdalene saw on Easter Sunday. Mary Magdalene witnessed Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, and shared the Good News with others! We can too!

Heart of the Lesson: Mary Magdalene saw and shared the Good News of Jesus

Parent Connect:

- Who was the first person to see that Jesus was gone from the tomb because He was alive?
- How did Mary Magdalene respond to the Good News that Jesus was alive?
- What do we celebrate on Easter?
- Who is someone you can share the Good News with that Jesus is alive?