

Conversations with Christ Bible Study Series

Jesus Speaks with Mary Magdalene

Sunday, August 7, 2022

References: John 20: 1 – 18; Luke 8: 1 – 2; Matthew 28: 1; Mark 16: 1; Luke 24: 1; Luke 24: 13 – 16; 1 Corinthians 8: 5 – 6

- Describe what we know from scripture regarding Mary Magdalene's background.
- Based on what we read of this event in the other gospel accounts, was Mary Magdalene the only woman to go to the tomb that morning? If not, how do we resolve the differing accounts?
- In John 20: 1 – 2, what discovery does Mary Magdalene make, and who does she tell?
- From John 20: 3 – 10, what did the Apostles discover and what was their reaction?
- Continuing the account in John 20: 11 – 12, describe what Mary saw when she looked into the tomb.
- In John 20: 13, what do the angels ask, and how does Mary respond?
- From John 20: 14, how could it be possible that she saw Jesus but did not recognize Him? How does this describe the condition of many people?
- In John 20: 15, what does Jesus ask Mary? Who does Mary suppose that Jesus is, and what does she ask Him?
- How does Jesus address Mary in John 20: 16, and how does she respond? Describe the significance of the title that she uses to address Him.
- Describe the instructions that Jesus gives to Mary in John 20: 17 – 18. What is the significance of Jesus referring to "My Father and Your Father / My God and Your God"?

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Jesus Speaks with Saul of Tarsus

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

References: Acts 9: 1 – 19; Acts 8: 3; Acts 22: 6 – 11; Acts 26: 12 – 18; Nehemiah 9: 16; Proverbs 3: 5 – 6; Isaiah 55: 8 – 9

- In Acts 9: 1 – 2, describe Saul's purpose in traveling to Damascus. At this point, what do we know regarding Saul's background?
- From Acts 9: 4, describe Jesus' question as to why Saul was persecuting Him.
- In Acts 9: 5, what does Jesus mean when he says that Saul is kicking against the goads? Describe the statement, and how can we use it to teach others about how they respond to the truth of God's word?
- How does Saul respond to Jesus in Acts 9: 6, and what does Jesus tell him to do?
- Compare the response of the men who traveled with Saul as recorded in Acts 9: 7 with the other accounts from Acts 22: 9 and Acts 26: 14. What key differences are noted, and how can we explain those differences?
- From Acts 9: 7 – 9, summarize the actions of Saul and the others in response to the conversation between Jesus and Saul.
- Summarize the conversation between the Lord and Ananias as recorded in Acts 9: 10 – 16. What lessons pertaining to trust and obedience do we learn from this interaction?
- In Acts 9: 17 – 19, what was the result of Ananias and Saul's faith, and how can we use this example as a teaching point with others?
- Time permitting, we will conduct an overall review of the lessons we have learned regarding Jesus' teaching styles and techniques that we can imitate. Be prepared to share your insights and observations from the conversations we have studied and discussed.