

**Welcome to First & Faith United Methodist Church**  
**Sermon Notes - January 9, 2022**  
**Women of Faith**  
**“Who is Mary Magdalene?”**

**Matthew 27: 55**

Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee to care for his needs. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee’s sons.

**Matthew 28:1**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb.”

**Mark 16:9-11**

<sup>9</sup> When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. <sup>10</sup> She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping.

<sup>11</sup> When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.

**Luke 8:1-3** <sup>1</sup>After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; <sup>3</sup> Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod’s household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

**Life Application:**

1. How does Mary’s devotion to Jesus inspire you in your faith?
2. How has Jesus made a difference in your life?  
Go, tell someone about it.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, grant us knowledge that we would know you better. Grant us faith that we would trust you more. Grant us wisdom that we would always follow the right path. Lead us to Godly friends and mentors. Guide us as we seek to grow deeper in our faith and trust. Show us the pure joy that comes from a life lived in you. Shelter us from the storms of life. Be our refuge and our strength. Defend us from our foes and fight away the evil that pursues our hearts. Lead us ever closer to you and your kingdom. All this we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.