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Series: Jesus Friend of Sinners

Title: The Hopeless Sinner: Mary Magdalene

Text: Luke 8:1-3

Infirmities – Sickness

Mary called Magdalene - So called from "Magdala," the place of her residence. It was situated on the Sea of Galilee, south of Capernaum.

Out of whom went - By the power of Jesus.

Seven devils (demons) - The number 7 is often used for an indefinite number, and "may" signify merely "many" demons. The expression is used to signify that she was grievously tormented, and rendered, doubtless, insane by the power of evil spirits.

Demon possession could affect people in different ways.

- Self-torment

- Diseases

- Mental disorders

- Convulsions

Afterwards

- Mary was at his crucifixion John 19:25

- His burial Mark 15:47

- She was among those who had prepared the materials to embalm him Mark 16:1

- She first went to the sepulcher after the resurrection; She was the first to whom the risen Redeemer appeared Mark 16:9

Before his death and resurrection, she was a part of the support group for Jesus and the disciples.

Family Connections - We have no record of Mary's parentage, her marital status or her age. That she was free to follow Jesus in His journeying would suggest that she had no home obligations. She is mentioned fourteen times in the gospels, and from references to her we can see clearly what she did and how she did it.

There are two important lessons we can learn from Mary of Magdala. First of all, Jesus has power to heal and forgive hopeless sinners. Secondly, those who have received forgiveness are eternally thankful. Mary's gratitude and love manifested itself in devotion to Christ. She owed much, gave much, loved much, served much.

Luke 12:48 - But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.