

Changed Lives

The Life Of Mary Magdalene



Text: John 20:1-18

I. Introduction

- Something is wrong in our society when people believe Elvis is still alive but Christ is not
- Was Mary Magdalene an inconvenient woman? Was she a virtuous woman?
- **Luke 8:1-3**
- **Matthew 15:39**
- **John 20:18**
- **Matthew 27:55-56**
- **Mark 15:41**
- **Luke 23:49**
- **John 19:25**
- Mary was present at the crucifixion

II. The Resurrection Is For Real

- If there were one word we could apply to the resurrection narrative, it would be the word – Surprise
- **John 20:9**
- **Matthew 27:62-66**
- The Pharisees were concerned the disciples would take Jesus' body and help make the prophecies come true
- The resurrection was attested to by more than 500 eye-witnesses
- The resurrection is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help us God

III. You Cannot Divorce The Resurrection From The Cross

- There is no salvation for us without the cross of Christ
- The resurrection validates everything He said
- The resurrection validates everything He did
- And yet, many prefer the Easter Bunny to the cross...

IV. The Power Of The Risen Christ Is Still Available To Us

- He is not dead! He is ALIVE!
- Christ can transform us yet today because He is our personal, our powerful, our loving and living Savior

V. Conclusion

- Has Christ come to you like He came to Mary Magdalene in the garden?
- He is risen!
- He is risen indeed!
- Open your heart to Him
- See what He can do for you