

## HEROES OF THE BIBLE

## Mary Magdalène

**Name means:** Magdala is Aramaic for "tower" or "elevated, great, magnificent."

**Startling facts:** When Jesus first met Mary Magdalene, she was afflicted and troubled. Jesus healed her, and she went on to become one of the most prominent female disciples of the early church.<sup>1</sup>

**Did you know?** Mary Magdalene is mentioned by name as having stayed by Jesus through His crucifixion when most of His other disciples fled.<sup>2</sup> After seeing His burial, she went to the tomb the following Sunday, finding the stone rolled away and angels declaring that He had risen.<sup>3</sup> She was also the first recorded person to see Jesus after His resurrection!<sup>4</sup>

**Coolest trait:** Jesus and His disciples likely needed places to stay at times, as well as food to eat, and Mary Magdalene and other women supported their mission by providing these things.<sup>5</sup>

**You can too:** Great people and great jobs are supported by people who help out with seemingly small matters.

## Footnotes:

- <sup>1</sup> See Luke 8:2.
- <sup>2</sup> See Matthew 27:56: Mark 15:40: John 19:25.
- <sup>3</sup> See Matthew 28:1-10: Mark 16:1-11.
- <sup>4</sup> See John 20:11-18.
- <sup>5</sup> See Luke 8:1-3.

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