

## Mary Magdalene Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

*Why do you suppose Jesus originally befriended Mary Magdalene?*

*Why do you suppose she was allowed to be the first to actually see him after His resurrection?*

*Is her story anything like people in our society today?*

*What is our usual attitude towards people like that?*

*What was Jesus' attitude towards those we might call the "losers"?*

*Was Jesus doing a primitive version of "psychotherapy"?*

*If demons really do exist, is it reasonable that people who allow them into their lives might feel they are gaining some sort of benefit?*

*If we were created in order to be completely fulfilled by a relationship with our Creator, does it make sense that evil spiritual beings – in rebellion against God -- might try to counterfeit that relationship?*

*Would Mary Magdalene's acceptance of the "stay in the background" role of women be acceptable in society today?*

*When she first met Jesus, is it likely that she would have thought him to be like all the other men she had known?*

*In exposing her relationship with evil spiritual beings, Jesus addressed distasteful aspects of her life but the end result was freedom and purpose. Would simply building up her self-esteem have been any help to her?*

*What finally happened to her self-esteem and sense of purpose?*

*By sharing the news of the resurrection, she was allowing herself to be vulnerable because people knew about the dark side of her life. Why was she willing to share what she knew?*

*What does it do to a person to have their hope taken away and then be restored again?*

*What sort of experiences are we most likely to share with other people?*

*Have you had an experience with Jesus?*