



The Harness Devotional

7 September – 12 September, 2026

Mary Magdalene: Witness to the Resurrection

Verses:

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

Song of the week

[He Knows My Name" by Francesca Battistelli.](#)

Francesca Battistelli's "He Knows My Name" is an uplifting anthem declaring that our true identity and value come from God's personal love, not the world's labels or achievements.

Monday Day 1: A Past Redeemed

Scripture: "Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out." — Luke 8:2

The Message: Before Mary Magdalene was a witness to the resurrection, she was a woman trapped in deep darkness and agony. Jesus completely delivered her and changed her life. Because she was forgiven much, she loved much. Your past mistakes or old struggles do not disqualify you from being used by

God. In fact, your story of freedom is the exact tool He uses to show others His power.

Reflection Question: How has Jesus brought you out of darkness in your own life?

Prayer: Lord, thank you for freeing me from my past. Use my story to show others your grace.

Tuesday Day 2: Showing Up in the Dark

Scripture: "Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark." — John 20:1

The Message: Mary did not let her deep grief stop her from honoring Jesus. Even though everything seemed lost and the world was dark, she got up early to go to His tomb. Sometimes we feel like giving up when life gets dark or scary. But faith means showing up even when we cannot see the next step. Jesus meets us in our darkest mornings.

Reflection Question: What situation feels dark to you right now, and how can you faithfully show up anyway?

Prayer: Jesus, give me the strength to seek you even when my circumstances feel dark and heavy.

Wednesday Day 3: Tears in the Garden

Scripture: "But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb." — John 20:11

The Message: When Mary found the tomb empty, she broke down and cried. She thought someone had stolen her Lord's body. Her grief blinded her from seeing the miracle that was right in front of her. It is okay to cry when plans fail or when

we experience deep loss. Jesus does not tell Mary to stop crying. He steps into her tears to comfort her.

Reflection Question: What grief or disappointment do you need to express to God today?

Prayer: Father, thank you for holding my tears and staying close to my broken heart.

Thursday Day 4: Hearing Your Name

Scripture: "Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' She turned and said to him in Aramaic, '*Rabboni*!' (Which means Teacher)." — John 20:16

The Message: Mary did not recognize Jesus at first. She thought He was just the gardener. But the exact moment He spoke her personal name, "Mary," her eyes were opened. The Good Shepherd knows His sheep by name. You are not just a face in a crowd to God. He knows your name, your heart, and your voice.

Reflection Question: How does it make you feel to know that the Creator of the universe knows your personal name?

Prayer: Jesus, open my spiritual ears to hear you calling my name in the middle of my daily life.

Friday Day 5: The First Evangelist

Scripture: "Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord.'" — John 20:18

The Message: In ancient times, women were not legally permitted to serve as witnesses in court. Their word was not trusted. Yet, Jesus deliberately chose a woman to be the very first person to announce the greatest miracle in history! Jesus honors women and trusts them with His message. He has given you a voice to declare His goodness to the world around you.

Reflection Question: Who in your life needs to hear your testimony about how Jesus is alive and working?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, give me the boldness to speak up and tell others about the great things you have done.

Saturday Day 6: Living in Resurrection Power

Scripture: "Go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" — John 20:17

The Message: Jesus gave Mary a message of absolute adoption. Because of the resurrection, His Father is now our Father. We do not have to live as spiritual orphans or slaves to fear. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives inside of you today! We can walk in total confidence, victory, and joy every single day.

Reflection Question: How would your life change if you truly walked in resurrection power today?

Prayer: Lord, let the power of your resurrection change how I think, act, and love today. Amen.