

Saint Mary Magdalene

Fast Facts

Feast Day: July 22
Born/Died: around the time of Jesus
From: Magdala near the Sea of Galilee (Israel)



Who was Mary Magdalene?

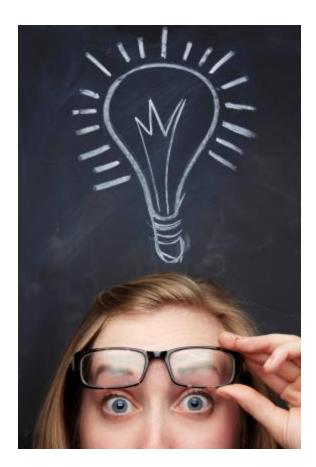
• Beautiful

• Well-known as a sinner when she first met Jesus



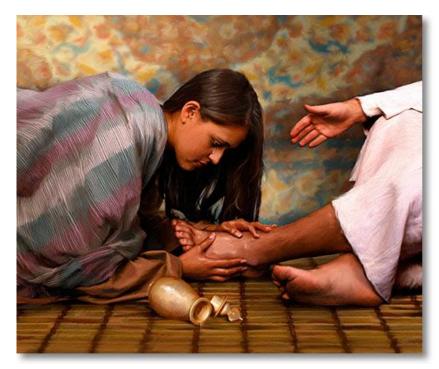
Conversion

- After meeting Jesus, Mary was sorry for all of her bad choices.
- She decided to change and live a good life.



Washing Jesus' Feet

- When Jesus was at Simon's (a rich man) house for dinner, Mary wept at his feet.
- She used her long hair to wipe Jesus' feet dry.
- She anointed them with expensive perfume.



A sinner touched Jesus?!

- Jesus forgave Mary:
 - "Many sins are forgiven her, because she has loved much."
- He said to Mary:
 - "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."



Following Jesus

- Mary served Jesus and his apostles.
- She was at the foot of the cross with the Blessed Mother and John.



The Tomb

- Mary visited the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with spices on Easter Sunday.
- The tomb was empty!
- She cried outside the tomb.
- Jesus appeared in front of her! He had risen from the dead and chose to appear to Mary Magdalene FIRST!
- She was sent to announce the good news to the apostles.



Mary Magdalene with Jesus by Del Parson

Reflection

- Saint Mary Magdalene was a sinner, just like us, yet Jesus forgave her. He could see that "she loved much."
- "Every saint has a past, every sinner has a future." – Oscar Wilde

Jesus, Friend of Sinners

• "Jesus, Friend Of Sinners"

Jesus, friend of sinners, we have strayed so far away We cut down people in your name but the sword was never ours to swing

Jesus, friend of sinners, the truth's become so hard to see The world is on their way to You but they're tripping over me Always looking around but never looking up I'm so double minded A plank eyed saint with dirty hands and a heart divided

Oh Jesus, friend of sinners Open our eyes to the world at the end of our pointing fingers Let our hearts be led by mercy Help us reach with open hearts and open doors Oh Jesus, friend of sinners, break our hearts for what breaks yours

Yeah...

Jesus, friend of sinners, the one who's writing in the sand Made the righteous turn away and the stones fall from their hands Help us to remember we are all the least of these Let the memory of Your mercy bring Your people to their knees Nobody knows what we're for only what we're against when we judge the wounded What if we put down our signs crossed over the lines and loved like You did

Yeah... You died for sinners just like me, a grateful leper at Your feet