

Mary Magdalene is mentioned in all four Gospels-- _____ times

She is present at Jesus' crucifixion, burial, and resurrection

She is the first to _____ the empty tomb – the first to see Jesus alive!

I. The setting

A. The place: _____ tomb

B. The time: the sun is _____

_____ is an amazing picture of resurrection reality!

C. The circumstances: Mary arrives at the tomb

1. The circumstances are _____

Mary doesn't recognize Jesus as first – mistakes Him for a _____

a. Maybe she was " _____ " by her tears – distracted by grief

b. It may be divine _____

c. It may be that she – like everyone else--Mary did not expect this

2. The circumstances are _____

Dead people did not rise from the dead in the first century any more than now!

"They still did not believe it because of _____ and amazement" [Luke 24:41]

3. The circumstances are _____ in first century Palestine

All four Gospel writers insist that _____ were the first to arrive at the tomb

This report does not flatter the disciples--an apologetic

II. More about Mary

A. Mary's home: _____ --a fishing town on the shore of the Sea of Galilee

B. Mary's _____ --Jesus liberated her from bondage to seven demons!

Signs of true conversion:

1. Mary's deep and abiding _____

2. Mary's _____

a. Time

b. Attention

c. Money

She and other women " _____ for Him out of their means" [Luke 8:3]

3. Mary's _____

Courage born of _____ and devotion

4. Mary's love – even when faith and hope seem vanquished.

III. We see Mary's Lord and Savior

"The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."

Jesus leads Mary out of her _____ – He liberates her once again!

A. We see Mary's _____!

"Anguish and despair are immediately swallowed by astonishment and delight"

B. We see Mary's _____

Gospel joy is meant to be _____ – it is "good news of joy for all people"

Cause for more joy: Jesus is our _____! God is our _____!