

February 22, 2009

Mary: Hooker, Lover or Example?

John 20:11-18

Poor Mary...called a hooker by Pope Gregory in 591 a.d.

We are influenced by sermons. Lord save us from sermonology, our own wisdom, our insights that we share to gain influence and power...

Volumes are written...

- Non-Canonical speculation
- Speculation based on “gospels” written 2-300 years after Jesus
- Be careful of the “hidden gospels”. If we can make Jesus a sinner or weak...we can all feel better about ourselves
- Jesus was God and Man. Very much both.

What do we know?

- She had 7 demons cast out (Mark 16:9).
 - 7 often represents “many”
- First to witness the empty tomb
- First to see the resurrected Christ
- Mentioned first among the women who followed Jesus
- A leader among them, and most likely, among all of followers
- Some documents suggest an “Apostle” (Paul defines as one who witnessed the ress. Christ-(I Cor 9:1)

What we do know is what challenges me the most...

1. She followed Jesus all the way to the cross
2. She called him Rabboni (Raubonee), which meant, MY RABBI or master
3. She saw her deliverance as an invitation to live as a bold representative of Christ.

Book of Common Prayer:

“Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection, mercifully grant that by grace we may be healed of all our infirmities and know Thee in the power of His endless life; who with Thee and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, One God, now and forever, Amen”.

Welcome!

We are glad you are here today! If you are new to Crossroads, please take a moment to introduce yourself by filling out a **Welcome Card (located in the chair pockets)** and dropping it into one of the Giving Boxes near the Sanctuary doors.

News & Events

Wild Game Dinner: Men's and Boy's Night Out is scheduled for Saturday, **February 28 at 6pm.** Bring your best wild game dish, trophy pictures and stories of your hunting and fishing adventures. Questions? Call Daren at 861-4717.

Men's Breakfast: All men are invited to attend the first Saturday of every month at 7:30am. Enjoy great food, fellowship and a word from Pastor Jim.

Mug 'n Muffin: Ladies are invited to attend the 3rd Saturday of every month at 9:30am. Bring your favorite mug and enjoy a morning of fellowship with other Gals in the church.

Adults/Small Groups

LOVE TALK: Communication in Marriage: Join in a six week class based on Drs. Les & Leslie Parrott's DVD series, Love Talk. There is no

cost involved and all couples are invited. We will be meeting at 10:45 in room #16 beginning **Feb. 22nd.** Questions? Call Fred & Meri Lnynn Parker (467-2254) or the church office. In order to benefit more from this class you may want to purchase the Love Talk workbook (also text book available) at www.RealRelationships.com or other websites.

MOPS, (Mothers of Preschoolers) meet at the church the 1st Tuesday of every month from 9:30 - 11:30am. All ladies who are expecting, or have children up to Kindergarten age are invited. The next meeting is **March 3.** For more information, contact Shelli Dice, sddice@yahoo.com or 573-0474.

Parents: If you are looking for a safe environment in which to share the joys and frustrations that go along with parenting a special needs child (such as ADHD, Autism, etc.) you are invited to join other parents that are dealing with similar issues for a time of sharing from the heart. The next meeting is Monday, **March 9th** at 7 pm. Special speaker for the evening will be Connie Risser. For more information, call the church office at 463-9070.

Ladies Spring Retreat!!! Start planning (and saving) early. This year it will be **May 15-17** at Camp Pinewood in McCall. Cost is only \$65

when you register (and pay) by April 19. Retreat for all ladies 18 years and older.

Singles 30 and up: There are many upcoming events for you to take part in. Stop by the Registration Counter in the foyer and pick up a calendar of events from the folder. A special activity this month is Game night on Saturday, Feb 28th. Info on the calendar. Questions? Call Diane at 466-2192.

20-something group available the first and third Wednesdays of each month at C.J. and Cathy Gish's home at 7pm. For directions and additional information, call 466-7347.

328 Youth Ministry

More information at www.328ym.com

San Francisco Fundraiser: There will be a bake sale before and after services TODAY. Proceeds go toward the March 22 - 28 mission trip.

Youth Retreat: We will once again be holding winter retreat at Shiloh Bible Camp in Donnelly Idaho. The mid-Hi camp will run from February 25 - 27. Sr-Hi camp will be from February 27 - March 1. Registration packets are available in the Youth Room. Cost is \$80.00. Scholarships are available. Don't miss the fun!

Youth Group: Sr High and Mid High youth groups meet Wednesday evenings from 7 -

8:30 at the Church. All 6th - 12th graders are welcome to join us!

Youth Info: If you want to receive weekly updates on youth events and activities, email Rachel at the328ym@hotmail.com and you will be added to the list.

Children's Ministry

Children's Department volunteers: If you can help in any of the areas listed below, please sign up at the Children's Ministry table in the foyer.

- 2nd Service Children's Church -
- K - 2 teacher & aides
- 3rd - 5th teacher & aides

Hospitality Team

Ushers /Greeters: Thank you for your service! Just a reminder to those scheduled to serve Sunday, **March 1 - Bud & Rita Albers, Davis Peterson, Hank Menges, Patti Reynolds, Gloria Shepphird, Ken Swaim and Davve Jillson.** If you would like to be a part of the Hospitality Team, call Breck Skinner at 939-7796.

Financial Update

Tithes & Offerings

Needed Monthly.....\$ 68,687
Received in February.....\$ 40,768

- You may now sign up for online giving via our new PayPal system. Visit our website.