Mary's of the Bible*

Mary Magdalene**
Matthew 28:1-10 (1) In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.
(2) And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
(3) His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:
(4) And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.
(5) And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.
(6) He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
(7) And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.
(8) And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.
(9) And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.
(10) Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.
In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week *- One must understand how days were determined in Biblical times. The end of any day of the week is sundown and thus the beginning of the next day of the week. As it began to dawn toward Sunday would have been about 12 hours following sundown, first darkness then light.* And the evening and the morning were the first day (Gen 1:5). *That is; the darkness first followed by the light were the first*

day. The word "dawn" properly means as the first light "approached," without specifying the precise time. Mark says that it was after the sabbath was past (sundown), and very early in the morning, at the rising of the sun- during which time Jesus had risen being the first day of the week, so the light, 'Jesus,' came out of darkness. Turn with me to;
Mark 16:1-6 (1) And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.
(2) And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.
(3) And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?
(4) And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.
(5) And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.
(6) And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.
Some events regarding our Lord's ministry are not found in all the gospels, but all do reveal that Mary Magdalene was at the tomb at first light the first day of the week of His resurrection. Who was this woman? She is first mentioned as out of whom were cast seven devils. Her deliverance and conversion were so marked that she, along with several other women, attached themselves to Christ's entourage as He traveled about, and "ministered unto him of their substance." Let's turn to;
Luke 8:1-3 (1) And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,
(2) And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits

and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,
(3) And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.
Mary Magdalene is described as having helped pay for Jesus' ministry out of her own pocket. Obviously Jesus' ministry wasn't a paying job and nothing is said in the text about their having collected donations from the people He preached to. It appears, then, that Mary Magdalene's private funds may have been an important source of financial support. Mary Magdalene's age is unknown; biblical texts say nothing about when she was born or died. Like Jesus' disciples, Mary Magdalene appears to have come from Galilee. The name Magdalene suggests her origin as the town of Magdala, on the Sea of Galilee's western shore. It was an important source of salt, an administrative center, and the largest of ten major towns around the lake. After her conversion she was with Jesus early in His ministry in Galilee and continued after His execution. As to the length of time Jesus lay in the grave gives rise to unbelievers making accusation against the word of God. They say "Jesus did not lay in the grave three days and nights." Do not be confused, turn with me to;
2Peter 3:14-16 (14) Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.
(15) And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;
(16) As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are **unlearned and unstable wrest**, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.
The Bible teaches Christ rose the third day; that was the time He had often spoken of. In the beginning, on the first day of

the week, God commanded the light to shine out of darkness, for it says the evening and the morning were the first day, night first then light. On His day, He who is the Light of the world, did shine out of the darkness of the grave; and this day is from henceforward often mentioned in the New Testament, as the day which Christians religiously observed in solemn assemblies, to the honor of Christ. During that age, the end of a day was complete at sunset, therefore the next 24 hour day began lasting throughout the night, until dusk the following day. We know that Jesus was dead and buried sometime Friday (the 1st day), was in the tomb on the sabbath (the 2nd day), and into Sunday (the 3rd day). He was risen the third day according to Jewish reckoning. Do not take my word, turn to;

Luke 24:6-9 (6) He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,
(7) Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the **third day** rise again.
(8) And they remembered his words,
(9) And returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest.

He lay long enough under the power of death to prove that He was dead; and not too long, lest it should be supposed that His disciples had time sufficient to have practiced some deceit or imposture; and, to prevent this, the Jews took care to have the tomb well guarded during the whole time which He lay there, but to no avail. It was to this scene that Mary Magdalene and the other women came. Much has been written about Mary Magdalene that is pure speculation, such as she and Jesus were involved romantically. Had they been, SO WHAT? Nothing would have changed concerning His purpose or our salvation in Him. If anything it would have shown His human nature. So what can be said factually about Mary Magdalene? His disciples forsook and denied Him, but she was present at His crucifixion. She was still with Him as

He was removed from the cross and laid in the tomb, turn with me to;
Matthew 27:55-61 (55) And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him:
(56) Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.
(57) When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:
(58) He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.
(59) And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,
(60) And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.
(61) And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.
Christians should be careful of speculation contrived by unbelievers, designed for nothing other than to cast doubt upon the nature of Christ, whether it be His human or divine nature. As for Mary Magdalene's part, she is mentioned in all four of the gospels, but nowhere in them is she described as a prostitute as some suppose. This description is due to a sermon by Pope Gregory the Great in the sixth century, as a result of that sermon she developed a reputation as being a prostitute. However, there is no evidence she was, and it appears there was confusion between her and two other women, Martha's sister Mary and an unnamed sinner in Luke's gospel (7:36-50). Both of these women wiped Jesus' feet with their hair. Pope Gregory the Great declared that all three women were the same person and it wasn't until 1969 that the false teaching was reversed. Mary Magdalene is not mentioned often in the gospel texts, but she does appear at

key moments and has become an important figure for those interested in the role of women in the early ministry of Jesus. She accompanied Him throughout His ministry and travels. John says the risen Jesus appeared to her first. She was a witness to His death, she was a witness to the empty tomb and was instructed by Jesus himself, to carry the news that He had risen to the other disciples. Now let's consider another;

Mary, the mother of Jesus

Isaiah 7:11-16 (11) Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.
(12) But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD.
(13) And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?
(14) Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
(15) Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.
(16) For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son; *The Messiah is here meant, who was to be born of a pure virgin; as the word here signifies as in all places where it is mentioned, (Genesis 24:43 -Proverbs 30:19). Not only did the Evangelist Matthew render the word "virgin"; but the Septuagint interpreters, who were Jews, so rendered the word hundreds of years before him; and best agrees with the Hebrew word which signifies to "hide" or "cover." And now this was the sign that was to be given, and a miraculous one it was, that the Messiah should be born of a pure and un-corrupt virgin; and therefore a "behold" is prefixed to it, as a note of admiration.* ***Behold*** *- "הִנֵּה hinneh." This interjection is a very common one in the Old Testament. It is used to arrest attention; to indicate the importance of what was about to be said. It serves to designate persons and*

things; places and actions. It is used in lively descriptions, and animated discourse; when anything unusual was said, or occurred; or any thing which especially demanded attention. The word "virgin" here means a proof, a demonstration, a certain indication that what God had said would be fulfilled. In these "last days," there is now put forth the idea that ("a virgin shall conceive" is a mistranslation). However such a falsity is dangerous and far from the truth, let's turn to;
Matthew 1:18-25 (18) Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.
(19) Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily.
(20) But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.
(21) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
(22) Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
(23) Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.
(24) Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:
(25) And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.
Behold, a virgin shall be with child - *Matthew clearly understands this as applying literally to a virgin. It thus implies that the conception of Christ was miraculous, or that the body of the Messiah was created directly by the power of God, agreeable to the declaration in* Hebrews 10:5; *it reads,*

Wherefore, when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me. *In Matthew an account had been given of the miraculous conception of Jesus: of His being begotten by the Holy Spirit. God was therefore His Father. He was divine as well as human. Concerning the false teaching that; ("a virgin shall be with child" is a mistranslation), note; it is not His human nature that is denied, but rejection of His virgin birth and therefore a denial of His divine nature. The virginity of Mary, previously to the birth of Christ, is an article of the utmost consequence to the Christian system; and therefore it is an article of faith, Although there were many different types of Gnosticism, they have several common features, denial of the true humanity of Christ; a heresy holding that the body of Jesus was a phantom and considered the earthly life of Christ and especially His sufferings on the cross to be unreal. In todays world heretics deny Christ's virgin birth, without which, He would have no divine nature. They do as Peter said;* Even denying the Lord that bought them - *This must mean that they hold doctrines which are in fact a denial of the Lord, or the tendency of which would be a denial of the Lord. To "deny the Lord" may be either to deny His existence, His claims, or His attributes. Christ claims to be the "Son of God", such an attribute must needs to have incurred by conception of the Holy Ghost and birth given by a virgin. Errors toward the fundamental doctrines of the Gospel; and to the person of Christ, to His proper deity, distinct personality, eternal Son-ship, rejecting Him as the true Messiah, and as the only Saviour of sinners; denying His sacrifice, these are "damnable heresies of destruction," such as Mohammedans. How can we be certain of His virgin birth? Who knew? Mary knew! The angel knew! Joseph knew! Elisabeth knew! John the Baptist while in his mother's womb knew! The Holy Ghost knew! Turn to;*

Luke 1:28-38 (28) And the angel came in unto her, and said,

Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
(29) And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
(30) And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
(31) And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
(32) He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:
(33) And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.
(34) Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?
(35) And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.
(36) And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren.
(37) For with God nothing shall be impossible.
(38) And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.
And after this, in due course of time, the Apostles knew!
John 14:23-26 (23) Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.
(24) He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.
(25) These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.
(26) But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the

Father will send in my name, **he shall teach you all things**, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Here Christ promises them that inspiration of the Holy Spirit, which enabled them not only to give a true history of His birth, life and death, but also gave them the most perfect recollection of all the words which He had spoken to them, so that they have been able to transmit the words which Jesus uttered in His sermons, and in His different discourses with them. This accounts how the evangelists some years after the death of Christ; at different times and places, and without consulting each other, could commit to writing the birth, life, actions, sayings, sermons and death of Christ, with all the minute circumstances attending them. This commitment would explain the wondrous salutation and appearance of the angel that troubled Mary when first encountered. We ought to praise God for her but not pray to her. Christ must be born miraculously. The angel assured her that she would become the mother of a Son whose name she should call Jesus, the Son of the Highest, one in nature and perfection with the Lord God. JESUS! the name that refreshes the fainting spirits of humbled sinners; Jesus, a Saviour! Mary's reply to the angel was the language of faith and humble admiration, and she asked no sign for the confirming of her faith. Salvation is by Faith in Christ which is the effect of belief, and baptism is the effect of faith; only those who first believe the testimony of God, repent, confess, and are baptized for remission of sins, have the full and explicit testimony of pardon. It's invitation is always open, also prayer requests for other reasons, in either case come while we persuade with song.

This message approved by
Jack Warford
a minister for Christ
'Mary's' Revised; 12132018

Ref. Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible
Barnes' Notes on the Bible
Clarke's Commentary on the Bible
Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary
This message presented to; BaronOk-Dec2013/
WestvilleOk-Nov2016/PineMt.Ar.-Nov2016/