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Mary Magdalene
A loyal disciple

John 20:1-18 gives us the account of Mary Magdalene visiting the tomb of Jesus Christ after he had ben resurrected. She is the only person we are told wept over Jesus' missing body, in addition to His death. And the Bible says Jesus appeared to her first, and she went and told the other disciples who did not believe her.

It would take a long Bible study to figure out if Mary Magdalene is the same woman that was caught in adultery by the Pharisees whom Jesus forgave and said "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her...Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no possible it is the same woman, and it is possible that is it is also the same woman who

washed Jesus' feet with her hair and expensive ointment. But, whether or not these are all the same person who showed much to Jesus because much was forgiven, we know that Mary Magdalene was the sister of Lazarus and she was very loyal to Christ.

In a day when Christ is not physically with us, though He prophesied He would be soon, it may be difficult for us to remain faithful and loyal to Christ. If there are not certain meters in our life to regulate our relationship with Him, it is easy to let it slide and create an enmity as the result of sin. Mary Magdalene remained close to Christ, and she found a peace with Him. Much like the apostle John, she had a sincere love for Jesus that was reflected in her affection at the tomb. How can we be like her?

Maintaining your foundation, the four



more" (John 8:1-11). It is quite Mary Magdalene and Jesus at the Tomb, pencil by Jim Robinson. Mary was the only one who was recorded as having wept about Jesus' missing body. Order print.

posts spoken of in the Soulwinner issue 8 page 2, is one sure way of creating a meter to be sure you are not slipping away from a sincerely loving relationship with God, whom you can not see. He is in His creation however, but he also dwells in you if you are saved as the Holy Spirit which is nurtured by soul winning, church, Bible and prayer (the four posts of the foundation).

Soulwinning gives you a heart for others, and it is one of greatest gifts you can give back to God, totally free of charge to you. Church gives you a chance to learn new Bible truths from a pastor. Your daily Bible reading will supply a continual relationship with God as he speaks to you. And your prayer life will give you a chance to bring praise, thanks, your needs and the needs of others to God.



The Eucharist and the Lord's Supper

What is the difference?

In <u>Luke 22:7-23</u>, Jesus initiated the Lord's (or Last) Supper, a tradition that has been practiced for 2,000 years in the church. Jesus presented the wine and bread in the Lord's Supper to *represent* his body and blood as it was shed on the cross for the remission of all of the world's sins.

The Catholic church has a different philosophy about the ritual. They have made the claim that the Christian needs to ingest the *actual body and blood* of Christ, literally, to be forgiven of his sins as one of the many rituals of the Catholics to work your way to heaven. They have claimed the principle of *transubstantiation* whereby the wine actually becomes the literal blood and the bread actually becomes the literal flesh of Jesus Christ. The chalice, or

golden cup, (shown here) has always been a mark of the mother Catholic church as it is in Revelation 17:1-4. This transubstantiation is commonly referred to as the *Eucharist*.

But Jesus never intended for the Lord's Supper to be a ritual of forgiveness. Much like confession, the Eucharist can not forgive sins. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5)- not a Catholic priest. The Eucharist then is the ritual practiced by the Catholic church, and the Lord's Supper is the tradition of the Baptist church of gathering church members for the joy of remembering Jesus death on the cross and His power over death.



You Never Changed

Stephen's criticism of the council

Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. 52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: 53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. Acts 7:51-53

In the Book of Acts Chapter 7, Steven was known as one of the greatest disciples of Jesus. He reached a point to where his teachings lead to the Pharisees and their presumptuous dedication to laws that deterred away from faith in Jesus Christ because Jesus threatened their authority. Steven pointed out clearly, using historical scripture, that the Pharisees were responsible for murdering Jesus, just like they were disobedient to Moses though they claimed a reverence to Moses and Abraham. At a time when the world could have been blessed by a dispensation from Christ, the religious leaders stirred up the people and compelled the

Roman government to oppose Jesus, thereby having Him crucified. They ignored the scriptures that spoke of Christ, though they had proof in them that this was Him.

Jesus' acts of healing and his wisdom with which he spoke plainly to the common man made the Pharisees jealous. The Pharisees looked for any possible excuse to accuse Jesus, and often resorted to calling him a blasphemer every time he made Himself equal with God as well as accusing Him of working on the Sabbath when He healed a man.

Steven's address to the Pharisees in Acts Chapter 7 is a clear and concise preaching against their ridiculous adherence to laws that interfered with the reign of the Messiah, and otherwise compelled that Messiah to a death on the cross. Steven clarified that the Pharisees of his day were as rebellious as those of Moses' day, being Moses' descendants, and the leaders were so angry with his accusations that they had Steven stoned to death.



The Stoning of Steven, pencil by Jim Robinson. A hideous way to die, the Pharisees were angry with Steven's great oration in Acts Chapter 7 and moved the people to stone him. <u>Order print.</u>

War Series: The Gulf War

American discomfort with Iraq dates back to the 1990-91 Gulf War. The United States, backed by the United Nations' Force opposed the Iraq invasion and annexation of Kuwait. The United States, allied with Saudi Arabia, launched bombing attacks against Iraq to liberate Kuwait, and they were successful. Other terms for the war are Operation Dessert Storm, Persian Gulf War, and First Iraq War. The war lasted 7 months. Some 10 years later, Iraq came back to bomb the Twin Towers on inland America. For an overview of the war link to Wikipedia's account of the Gulf War.





Food Relief/Soulwinning Ministries

Links to organizations that are helping to feed the hungry and give the gospel

Gospel.com Feed the Hungry

New Life Bantist Church

Note: not all of these ministries are KJV based





