



SHEROES & CHAMPIONS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

The Passion: Women at the Foot of the Cross
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Series 1 Lesson #7

Scripture Focus:

So Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they requested...but he delivered Jesus to their will (Luke 23:24-25).

And a great multitude of people followed Him (Jesus), and women who also mourned and lamented Him (Luke 23:27).

But all his acquaintances, and the women who followed Him (Jesus) from Galilee stood at a distance, watching these things (Luke 23:49).

And the women who had come with Him (Jesus) from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid (Luke 23:55).

It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and the other women with them, who told these things to the apostles (Luke 24:10).

INTRODUCTION: THE PASSION PLAY

Main Characters from the Gospels:

Mary, the mother of Jesus - John 19:25

Mary, called "the other Mary," wife of Clopas, mother of James -
Matt. 27:61, Mark 16:1, Luke 24:10

Mary Magdalene, disciple - Luke 24:10

Salome - Mark 16:1

The mother of the Zebedee's sons - Matt. 27:56

JoAnna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward - Luke 24:10

Certain other women (possibly Mary & Martha/Susanna) - Luke 24:1

WRITING THE SCRIPT AND ACTING OUT THE CHARACTER:

Select a woman from the list of characters above and find out all you can about her background. Write a short story or act out with others how your character handled the process of following Jesus from Galilee, then watched the trial, the crucifixion, and resurrection. What part did your character play among the women? Was she too overcome to act, or was she the one that went to purchase the spices and linen to prepare his body for burial? Perhaps she ministered to his grief-stricken mother, or used her influence to find out what Pilate and the Jews planned to do about the 12 disciples that were in hiding.

Whatever you do – please use your imagination, utilize the scriptures as much as possible and finally, have fun!