

Mary Magdalene



An aerial photograph of the Sea of Galilee, showing the lake's blue waters and the surrounding landscape. The foreground features a mix of green vineyards and dry, brownish fields. A road winds through the landscape, leading towards the shoreline. In the distance, the lake's horizon is visible under a clear blue sky. The text "Sea of Galilee" is overlaid in the center, and "Magdala" is overlaid on the right with an arrow pointing to a specific location on the shore.

Sea of Galilee

Magdala

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Eyewitness of Jesus'

- Death, Mark 15:40
- Burial, 15:47
- Resurrection, 16:9

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There is no evidence that Mary...

- is the sinful woman of Luke 7:36-50 who wiped Jesus' feet with her tears and hair.
- was ever a prostitute.
- was an "apostle to the apostles" and that she had a rivalry with Peter because of all the special teachings she received.
- ever had romantic feelings or a romantic relationship with Jesus (*The Da Vinci Code*; *Jesus Christ Superstar*).



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The value of women





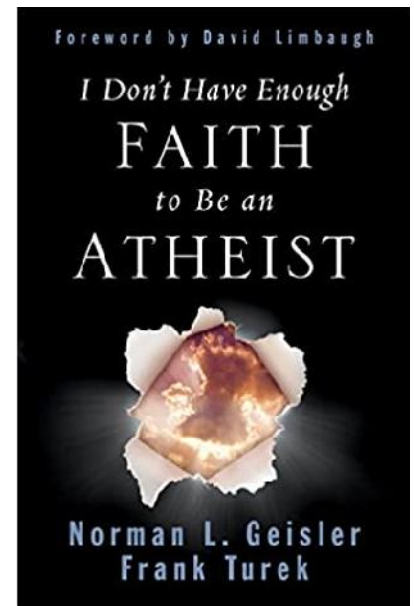
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Chapter 11: “The Top Ten Reasons We Know the New Testament Writers Told the Truth”

“All four Gospels say women were the first witnesses of the empty tomb and the first to learn of the Resurrection. One of those women was Mary Magdalene, who Luke admits had been demon-possessed (Luke 8:2). This would never be inserted in a made-up story. Not only would a once-demon-possessed person make a questionable witness, but *women* in general were not considered reliable witnesses in that first-century culture. In fact, a woman’s testimony carried no weight in a court of law...” (Geisler & Turek, 2004, p. 282).





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The value of women

Courage

The importance of
the resurrection

One word each



Mary!



Rabboni!



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“These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with the **women**, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.” (Acts 1:14)

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