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Could It Be?

[Mark 16:1-8](#)

But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you. (Mark 16:7)

I retired December 31, 2022, and a friend of mine who is a part-time Baptist minister invited me to attend a “read through” Bible study which began January 6, 2023 with Genesis and ended with Revelation in November. As I have led a Bible study on Sunday evening since November 1, 2009, I thought that would be nice just to take part in a Bible discussion with brothers and sisters in the faith.

When we were studying about the apostles and the resurrection, I asked the group a burning question: “Could it be that Mary Magdalene was the first resurrection apostle? She was the first person to see the risen Lord, and he gave her a commission to go and tell the disciples and Peter.”

It gave my friend a shiver, and he said he never considered that but could not deny it. Mary Magdalene fit the description of an apostle, which comes from the Greek word *apostello* which means “to send forth with a commission.” And she was sent by the Messiah Himself, being the first to see him outside the empty tomb (Mark 16:9-22; John 20:11-18).

According to Luke 8:1-2, “... he went on through the cities and villages, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out...”

Jesus had just told Simon the Pharisee that the one whose many sins were forgiven loved him more than the one to whom little is forgiven, who loves little.

Mary Magdalene was forgiven of her sins by Jesus, followed him, was there when he was crucified and placed in the tomb, and was the first to see him in his resurrection body. The notes on Mary Magdalene in the *Life Application Study Bible (2021)* states it perfectly: “Mary’s faith was not complicated; it was direct and genuine. She was more eager to believe and obey than to understand everything. Jesus honored her childlike faith by appearing to her first and by entrusting her as the first messenger of the Good News of his resurrection.”

Could it be that regardless of your past, if you repent and have faith and believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, the possibilities ahead are eternal life with Jesus? YES!!!

Prayer: *Father in Heaven, please help us to have a heart like Jesus for the lost souls of this world and help us to guide them to saving faith by living a genuine and faithful life before them and giving them the words that you would give us through your Holy Spirit. Amen*

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