

LESSON 9

Name _____

Women in the Gospels

Directions: Read the following scripture references and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

Matthew

1. Mary is mentioned by name only four times in the infancy narrative (1:16, 1:18, 1:20, and 2:11). The first three times she is mentioned in connection with _____.
2. In Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus anticipates the mission to the Gentiles. The Canaanites lived in Palestine before the Jewish conquest. Jesus grants the woman's request and cures her daughter because of her _____. (v. 29)
3. In Matthew 26:6-13 the disciples protest against the woman's extravagance, but she is the model of the true disciple who faces the fact of Jesus' impending _____.
4. In Matthew 26:69, 71 maids confront Peter. In 27:19 Pilate's wife tells him to "have nothing to do with that righteous man" because of a dream she had. In both cases, women are trying to get men to _____.
5. Many women watched Jesus' crucifixion (Mt 27:55). But perhaps even more poignant, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, after Jesus' burial, remained _____. (27:61)
6. As a reward for their faithfulness, these same two women are the first to see the risen Jesus (28:9f). Indeed, Jesus commissions them to tell the eleven disciples that he will see them in _____.

Mark

7. Mark 4:11 makes clear that Jesus' "disciples" included more people than just the _____.
8. At the beginning of the gospel (Mk 1:16-20), at the transfiguration (9:2), and during Jesus' agony in Gethsemane (14:33), Mark presents three leading male followers who hear Jesus' call to discipleship. Their names are _____.
9. Similarly at the end of the gospel, Mark presents three leading female disciples who follow Jesus to Golgotha (15:40) and who come to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body (16:1). Their names are _____.
10. In other words, they were portrayed as true disciples (13:13) because they stuck with Jesus to _____.
11. It is a woman who recognizes that Jesus' messiahship is one of suffering (14:3). As a sign of both leadership and impending death, she does what to Jesus?

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12. At the end of Mark's gospel, it is three women who are the eyewitnesses of Jesus' death, burial, and _____ . (Mk 15:40, 15:47, 16:6)
13. In fact, it is these same women who are given the commission by the young man (angel) to inform _____ . (Mk 16:7)

Luke

14. In the infancy narrative of Luke, Mary is mentioned by name twelve times. Elizabeth, her cousin and the mother of John the Baptist, is mentioned nine times. Joseph is only listed how many times?

15. Luke 2:36f combines two of Luke's favorite themes: prayer and emphasis on women, in the person of _____ .
16. In Luke 10:38-42 Jesus gives permission for women to sit at his feet, which is another way of saying to become his _____ .
17. The real reason why women are to be honored in Luke is not because they are mothers, but because they _____ . (11:28)

John

18. The public life of Jesus in John's gospel begins (2:3-5) and ends (19:26f) with a reference to _____ .
19. John 19:25 says that the four women standing by the cross of Jesus were _____ .
20. The first witness to the empty tomb (20:1) and the first to receive an appearance of the resurrected Lord in John (20:14-18) was _____ .
21. In John 12:3f the true disciple, Mary of Bethany (Lazarus' sister), is contrasted with the unfaithful disciple _____ .
22. In John 10:3f the Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. In John 20:15f the faithful disciple who acts this out is _____ .