



EASTER

A CELEBRATION OF VICTORY

Our ability to celebrate
comes from seeing our
present crisis through
the **EASTER EYES.**



#1 WHO is Mary Magdalene?

#2 HOW her perspective
changed from despair to
Joy?

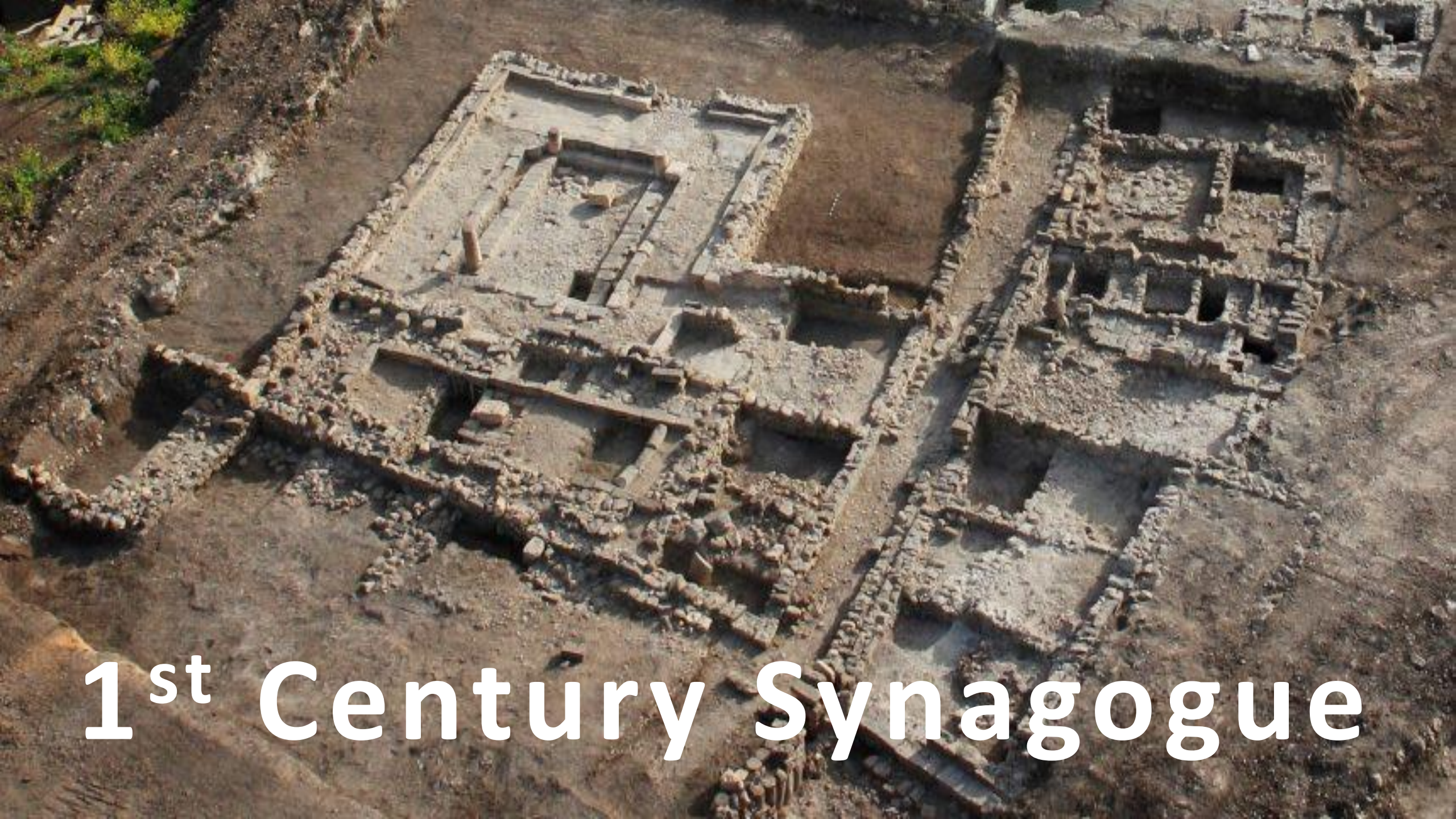


WHO is Mary
Magdalene?



Magdala of Galilee





1st Century Synagogue

WHO is Mary
Magdalene?

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HOW Did Mary's
Perspective Change
from Despair to Joy?



The deepest despair we
can experience comes
when the thing that we
LOVE the most is taken
away from us.



**What Mary
Magdalene LOVED
most was Jesus.**



John 20:2

**“They’ve taken the Lord
out of the tomb, and we
don’t know where they’ve
put him!”**



**Didn't Jesus said on
multiple occasions that he
was going to die and after
three days he would rise
again?**



“It cannot be expressed too strongly that 1st century Jews were not expecting people to rise from the dead as isolated individuals.”



“Resurrection for them was something that might happen to all on that great future occasion when God brought history to an end and a whole new world was renewed. It will not do, therefore, to say that Jesus’ disciples were so stunned and shocked by his death...”



“...so unable to come to terms with it that they projected their shattered hopes onto the screen of fantasy, and invented the idea of Jesus’ resurrection as a way of coping with their cruelly broken dream.”



“That has an initial apparent psychological plausibility to 20th century people but it will not work as serious first century history.”

-N.T. Wright



John 20:12-15

12 She saw two angels in white sitting where Jesus's body had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you crying?"



John 20:12-15

“Because they’ve taken away my Lord,” she told them, “and I don’t know where they’ve put him.”

¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know it was Jesus.

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John 20:12-15

15 “Woman,” Jesus said to her, “why are you crying? Who is it that you’re seeking?”
Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you’ve carried him away, tell me where you’ve put him, and I will take him away.”



How Did Mary's Perspective Change from Despair to Joy?



John 20:16

Jesus said to her, “**Mary.**”

Turning around, she cried out
in Aramaic, “Rabboni!”—which
means “Teacher.”



John 10:3-4

[The good shepherd], “calls his own sheep by name and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.”



Because of the
RESURRECTION every
claim Jesus made is
true.



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 - Never Leave us
- Will Wipe Away Every tear.

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Jesus is speaking your
NAME through the story
of Mary.



What if we view our
circumstances through
the **EASTER EYES?**



2 Corinthians 4:8,14

**8 We are afflicted in every way
but not crushed; we are
perplexed but not in despair.**

**14 For we know that the one who
raised the Lord Jesus will also
raise us with Jesus.**



Joni Eareckson Tada



Jesus is **WHISPERING**
your name.



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