



**September 26, 2024**

**Messy People**

**Social Time**

**Thanks to those who brought Treats!**

**Prayer Requests and Update Prayer List**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymns**

- 774 – *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*
- 793 – *Be Thou My Vision*
- 836 – *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**Bible Study Business**

- Distribution of Messy People Books
- Plans for *Messy People* Study

**Introduction to *Messy People***

**Discussion - Mary Magdeline** – A messy person not in our study book

1. What do you know about Mary Magdeline? Luke 8: 1-3
2. What can we learn from Mary's story? Mark 15: 33-47
3. How do we respond to the risen Jesus? John 20:1-18
4. What does Mary's story tell us about the life of faith? Hebrews 11:1

**Planning Ahead**

- *Honoring Our Neighbor's Faith* Surveys
- For next time – Read and reflect on *Messy People*, pages 10-35

**Birthdays**

**Close in Prayer**

## Schedule for *Messy People: Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes*

Date	Topic	Prior to the Session Read and Reflect on:
9/26	Introduction to Messy People	
10/3	Rahab: Changing Your Messy Story	Pages 10-35
10/10	The Prodigal Son: Restoring Messy Relationships	Pages 38-64
10/17	Josiah: Breaking Messy Family Cycles	Pages 68-98
10/24	Mary: Surviving Life's Messy Plot Twists	Pages 102-129
10/31	David: Overcoming the Mess of Criticism	Pages 132-165
11/7	Daniel: Thriving in Messy Circumstances	Pages 169-199

### Scripture

#### **Luke 8: 1-3**

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, 2as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

#### **Mark 15: 33-47**

33When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 35When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." 36And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." 37Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. 38And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

40There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. 41These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

42When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 43Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of

Jesus. 44Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. 45When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. 46Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. 47Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.

### **John 20:1-18**

20Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." 3Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. 4The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. 6Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." 14When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." 16Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). 17Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" 18Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

### **Hebrews 11:1**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.