"Moments with Mary Magdalene" <u>John 20:1-18</u>

<u>Intro</u>: The first witness of the resurrected Jesus is Mary Magdalene.

- I. Who was Mary Magdalene?
 - a. Introduced in Luke 8:2; freed from seven demons.
 - b. *Not* Mary of Bethany or the "sinful woman" in Lk 7:37.
 - c. Followed Jesus and witnessed his death and burial.
- II. <u>Mary Magdalene's mindset on resurrection day</u>
 - a. She'd just had the worst Sabbath ever.
 - b. Her Lord had not been properly anointed for burial.
 - c. She was grieving, confused, and lost.
- III. Mary Magdalene's heart-shift on resurrection day
 - a. "Woman, why are you crying?" part 1.
 - b. "Woman, why are you crying?" part 2.
 - c. Jesus reaches through her tears...with her name.

<u>Close</u>: Jesus is alive! And He is calling *you* today. Believe in Him and live!