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I AM SET FREE 4

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When in your life have you experienced freedom? What are some of the things that rob you of your own freedom personally?

'You will know the truth and the truth will set you free ... If the Son sets you free you will be free indeed'

This study is a brief case study of someone (Mary Magdalene) who was 'set free' or 'cured' by Jesus.

Mary, Mary. Who was Mary? There are at three or possibly four Mary's referred to in the gospels (see Matt. 27:56; Mark 15:40; John 19:25 for verses describing three Mary's at once). There is also Mary of Bethany who is sister to Martha and Lazarus, and who anointed Jesus' feet with oil.

READ Luke 8:1-3

There are numerous descriptions of people set free of evil spirits and diseases in the New Testament. What do you think might be some of the common characteristics of such people before and then after being set free?

What do you think are some of the things stopping people from being 'set free'?

- Compare the idea of being set free from diseases with being set free from evil spirits.
 - What would you imagine are some of the things that the devil would want us to believe about these two things?
 - Is one easier or harder to believe than the other?
 - Is one more relevant than the other in our culture?

READ John 20:1-18

What words or phrases would you list to describe (a) Mary (b) Mary's relationship with Jesus in this passage?

Does this list describe someone who is 'set free'? Why or Why not?

What parts of your list is attractive to you, and why?

**OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL PASSAGE FOR FURTHER READING/
DISCUSSION (John 8:31-58)**

OUT

If you could ask Jesus for help finding more freedom in any one area of your life now, what would it be?

What words might you use to describe to others what it means to be set free by Jesus?

Spend some time praying, asking Jesus for freedom for yourselves and others.

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