



The Ministry Team

Luke 8:1-3

Something to Start Us Off

- What do you think it would have been like to accompany Jesus during his public ministry?

Something to Notice

- Based on these few verses alone, what can we say about the activity of demons or evil spirits relative to the ministry team of Jesus?
- What is one important way that the women listed took part in the ministry of Jesus and the twelve according to v.3? We will talk about this more in a moment.

Something to Understand

Aside from this passage we do not know very much about Mary Magdalene. Her name tells us she was from Magdala, a town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. She also appears in all four of the Gospels as one of the first to see the risen Lord.

Other than that, in later documents, beginning with the Gnostics and right up to the present, writers have been quite imaginative in expanding her character well beyond the biblical data.

- Why do you think Jesus took the twelve along to these different cities and villages?
- Choose one of the women listed here and expand (reasonably) on what Luke tells us. What do you think she was like? What was it like for others to have her on the team?
- Throughout most of the stories in the Gospels we never really hear how Jesus and the team made their living while they traveled around. In what ways does v.3 fill out that picture for us?

Something to Take Home

- Considering that Jesus and the apostles worked as part of a large team, in what very practical ways do you think you can participate in gospel-related ministry?
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 8:1-3 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?