

Read Mark 16:9-14

9 After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons.

10 She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened.

11 But when she told them that Jesus was alive and she had seen him, they didn't believe her.

12 Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country.

13 They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them.

14 Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.

When Jesus rose from the dead, who did He appear to first (v. 9)? Mary Magdalene. **Why do you think He didn't appear to someone important like the Governor?**

What did we know about Mary Magdalene? Jesus had driven seven demons out of her earlier (Luke 8:2).

What did Mary Magdalene do after Jesus appeared to her (v. 10)? She went back and told the disciples.

What were the disciples doing? Crying and mourning because they thought Jesus was dead.

How did the disciples respond when Mary Magdalene told them Jesus was alive (v. 11)? They didn't believe her.

Who did Jesus appear to next (v. 12)? Two disciples as they were walking on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

How did the disciples respond when the two reported the news to them (v. 13)? They didn't believe them either.

Later, when Jesus appeared to the disciples while they were eating, what did He say to them (v. 14)? Jesus was angry and He scolded them for not believing. Remember, Jesus had told His disciples several times that He would rise from the dead. **Why didn't the disciples believe everyone who told them that Jesus had risen from the grave?**