

## Day 4: Grace That Chooses the Overlooked

### Devotional

After the resurrection, Jesus could have appeared to anyone first. He could have gone to Peter, the bold leader. He could have gone to John, the beloved disciple. But He did not. He went to Mary Magdalene first. A woman with a complicated past. Someone the religious establishment had overlooked. Someone most people had given up on.

That choice was not an accident. It was a statement.

Jesus consistently moved toward the people that everyone else moved away from. He saw potential where others saw problems. He saw a future where others only saw a past. And He still does that today.

This matters for how we see the people around us. Grace is not just something we receive. It is something we are called to extend. When we truly understand what we have been forgiven of, it changes how we look at others. The person who seems too broken, too far gone, too much trouble. That is exactly the kind of person Jesus walked toward.

Who in your life have you quietly written off? Who have you decided is beyond hope? Grace invites you to look again, because Jesus has a habit of choosing the people nobody else would choose.

### Bible Verse

"Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons." - Mark 16:9

### Reflection Question

Is there someone in your life you have quietly given up on, and what would it look like to extend grace toward them the way Jesus extended it to Mary?

### Quote

He could have appeared to anybody first. He could have said, well, I'll appear to Peter first. But he says, hey, I'm choosing Mary Magdalene, the one that everybody else gave up on. I choose her.

### Prayer

Lord, give me eyes to see people the way You see them. Help me to extend the same grace to others that You have so freely given to me. Amen.