

# The CROSS



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**WARM UP QUESTION:** What do you anticipate will happen when you take actions like cleaning your house, planting flower bulbs, or sowing grass seeds?

**READ:** John 20:1-3, 11-18

**FOCUS:** At the cross, Jesus exchanges our pain and the troubles of the past for a promised life of meaning and purpose. He exchanges the ashes of our lives for beauty. Our faith and focus must be in the power of God and the cross rather than remaining focused on the pain of the past.

**OBSERVE:**

- Only Jesus has the power to save, redeem and restore our broken and sinful lives to live lives filled with love, life and purpose. The power of the cross can and will resurrect anyone who puts their faith and confidence in God to overcome the burdens and disturbing events of the past. Jesus can take you from being a sinner to an heir of salvation.

**DISCUSS**

1. What stood out to you or what did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention?
2. What life experiences, thoughts or emotions did this message bring up for you? How did the events of Mary Magdalene's life and her evolution impact you? What does coming to the cross make you think about and believe?
3. As you listen to the Holy Spirit, what is God's voice leading you to do and what action will you take?

**TAKE ACTION:**

- How will you proceed to share your faith with others? How about joining a Life Group and/or receiving more instruction from others as you walk the Discipleship Path? Help others realize or verbalize what they believe God expects of them. Set your mind and heart on the eternal truth of God's Word which helps us stand in freedom and victory.

**PRAY:** *Holy Father, we ask that You would give us the courage to lay down our lives and die to self so that we may absolutely surrender to You and follow You. Thank You for helping us to put our confidence in You and not the abilities of our personal battles or the struggles of the past and/or temporary situations of our lives. Thank You for enabling us to overcome all adversity to find a transforming breakthrough and live in freedom in You. Amen.*