

Thank You Jesus for....

John 20:11-18 (NIV) *Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.*

Why was Mary Magdalene the first person Jesus revealed Himself to after His resurrection?

1. She was a faithful friend who stood by Jesus no matter what.
2. She was a trusted servant who had no other agenda but to please Jesus.
3. She was a living illustration of what Jesus wanted to do in the lives of all people who would come to Him.

Jesus didn't just give His life for the world...He gave His life for YOU. He wants to reveal His love and grace to you personally. He is calling YOU by name. How will you respond?