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Texts:

Luke 8:1-3,

- 1. After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him,**
- 2. and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out;**
- 3. Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.**

Commentary:

I. Soon after the events in Simon's house Jesus continued his preaching in various cities and villages about the good news/gospel pertaining to the kingdom of God.

II. Traveling in his entourage were:

A. the twelve apostles

B. certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities.

1. These women included Mary Magdalene from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons.

2. Joanna, the wife of Cuza who was Herod Antipas' steward, was also in the group following Jesus.

3. Susanna

4. many others

C. These faithful women, from their own resources, ministered unto Jesus and the twelve apostles.

D. Mary was called Magdalene because she was from the town of Magdala which is thought to be the same as Magdala located on the west side of the Sea of Galilee.

E. There is no evidence whatsoever in scripture that Mary Magdalene was an immoral woman regardless of tradition to the contrary.

F. Nothing more is said in Scripture about Susanna and Joanna.

III. Only Luke gives this insight into the part these and other women had in supporting the ministry of Jesus financially and otherwise.

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Questions

1. Jesus traveled from one _____ and _____ to another proclaiming the _____ of the _____ of _____.

2. With him were the _____ and some _____ who had been _____ of _____ and _____.

3. One of these women was _____ (called _____) from whom _____ had come out.

4. Other women who were in Jesus' entourage were _____, the _____ of _____, the _____ of _____'s household; _____ and _____.

5. These women helped to _____ Jesus' ministry out of their own _____.