**The Women of Galilee**

Luke 23:55-56

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**Introduction**

 When you watch a movie you see and hear the actors, what the director wants U2C&hear

 At the end of the movie is a list of ‘credits’

 Credit lists hv a complex hierarchy that reflects the import of a persons contribution

 Producers, Directors, Starring actors, supporting actors

 Credit lists of modern movies then list: hair stylists, assistant to…, costume

designer, casting, the grip, electrician, catering and so forth

 The stars are what you see and hear when you watch the movie, but the movie is

not made without the hair stylists, costume designer and so forth

 When you read the gospel records in the New Testament,

you hear and see Jesus and His disciples and events which occurred during Jesus 3 yrs of minstry

 Jesus begins His public ministry by citing from Isaiah 61:1-2a… in Luke4:18-19

 Jesus calls His first disciples in Luke 5…

 Jesus did come to die for mans sins and fulfill prophecy but He also trained 12 Ds

 Most of the text of the Gospels concerns Jesus training the 12 disciples

 We are right to focus on Jesus and His training of the 12 disciples

 BUT Behind the scenes enabling Jesus to train the 12 and to do His ministry

There were some ‘women of Galilee’, their work is important and should be credited

 Today we are going to look at the women of Galilee who supported Jesus and His D’s

**I. Who Were The Women of Galilee?**

A. Galilee

 60x30 mile wide area in the north of modern Israel

 Most prominent geographic feature is the Sea of Galilee …

 Part of the ancient kingdom of Israel

 Conquered by Israelites then Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Romans

 In Jesus’ day people in Judea said ‘no prophet arisen out of Galilee J7:52

 But Jesus raised in Galilean city of Nazareth Mk1:9

 Much of JS ministry in Galilee and around the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum Mt223

B. Women of Galilee

 Two places approximate phrase ‘Women of Galilee’ used Lk23:49, 55

 C. Names of the Women of Galilee

 Lk 8:2-3

 Mary Magdalene, Mt27:55-56, 14X’s in the NT!!!

 Know the most about her

 From Magdala – prominent fishing village W. Shore Sea of Gal.

 Jesus had cast 7 demons out of her, freed her from bondage Mk169

 Joanna wife of Chuza, Herod’s steward, Lk24:10

 Susanna

 ‘Many others’, Lk24:10, Mk15:40

 Mt27:55-56

 Mary mother of James and Joses

 Mother of Zebedee’s sons [James and John]

 Mark 15:40

 Salome Mk16:1

 John 19:25

 Mary wife of Clopas

 D. Daughters of Jerusalem

 Lk 23:18, they are weeping for Jesus, but Jesus says do not weep for Me

 I do not think these are the same as the women of Galilee, perhaps but less likely

**II. What Did The Women of Galilee Do To Help Jesus?**

 A. Provided financial support

 Lk8:3 provided for Him from their substance

 Jesus as man needed food, clothing, materials which cost something to buy

 Jesus as God could have used His divine powers to provide, but He let these

Galilean women provide, Jesus deliberately not use divine powers 4self

 B. Followed and ministered Mk15:40

 Mt27:55a Jesus was an itinerant Rabbi, He traveled around Galilee and Judea

 Women of Galilee traveled with Him and His disciples, i.e. they followed Him

 Women of Galilee ministered or served or helped wherever help needed

 Setup serv cleanup – nothing glamorous but all essentials that had 2Bdone

 C. Looked on and looked after

 Mt27:55b looked on while JS was being crucified, they were there, not leave Him

 Stood by the cross J19:25

 Stayed with Jesus body when taken down from the cross to the tomb Mt27:61

 Looked after JS body to finish preparing His body for burial Mk16:1-2, Lk2355-56

 D. Firsts

 First to come to the tomb Mt28:1, Lk24:1 J20:1

 First to see the empty tomb Mt28:6

 First to hear He had risen Mt28:6

 First to remember Jesus’ words that He would rise from the dead Lk24:8

 First to believe!!!

 First to tell others Mt 28:7,8, Lk24:10 J20:18

 First to experience doubt and unbelief whn they told others about JS resur. Lk2411

 First to experience joy at new of Jesus resurrection Mt28:8

 First to see the resurrected Jesus Mt28:9, Mk16:9[Mary Mag.] J20:16

 First to worship the resurrected Jesus Mt 28:9

**III. What Can We Learn From The Women of Galilee?**

 Women of Galilee –

 Have gotten close to Jesus and been helped by and changed by Him

 Follow Jesus where He leads them

 Help and serve in any way they can

 Never expect recognition, they are true servants

 Work together and accomplish much

 Come from all walks of life

 Are generous with their resources and have a willingness to use them

 Are first up when something needs to be done, last there

 Are essential to the good functioning of our church

 Are constant in their love and persevere even when hope seems gone

 Find comfort in being behind the scenes and would rather be there