**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