

**March 7, 2018**  
**“Making a Difference through Forgiveness”**  
**Matthew 5:22-24**  
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*“You have heard that it was said to our ancestors, Do not murder, and whoever murders will be subject to judgment. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, everyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Fool!’ will be subject to the Sanhedrin. But whoever says, ‘You moron!’ will be subject to hellfire.<sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift on the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”*  
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Charles Spurgeon once said, “Let us go to Calvary to learn how we may be forgiven, and let us linger there to learn how to forgive.”

*“<sup>25</sup> Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother, His mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.”* (John 19:25)

**1) Mary, the mother of Jesus, had to forgive others**

- A. Forgiving Strangers
- B. Forgiving Enemies (Matthew 5:44)
- C. Forgiving Family members (John 7:5)

**2) Mary Magdalene had to forgive herself (Luke 7:47)**

- A. She stood at the foot of the cross

- B. She was the first to see the resurrected Jesus ***“Early on the first day of the week, after He had risen, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had driven seven demons.”*** (Mark 16:9)
- C. She was the first to bear witness to His resurrection (John 20:18; Luke 24:11)

**3) Salome had to forgive God** (Mark 15:40; Matthew 20:20-24)

- A. Requires forgiving God’s people
- B. Requires forgiving church leadership
- C. Requires perseverance in spite of disappointment

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