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## Journal 2

On Monday we had our first meeting as a whole. It was me, Ms.Samuel and Ms.Mallory. First we introduced ourselves. I told them about myself. I am from Texas and I play volleyball at Alliance University. I told them that I'm from the country side of the city of San Antonio. After that we started to talk about a scripture she sent to us. It was Mark 16:9-10 which says "**9** *When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. 10 She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping.*" Which means Jesus showed himself first to Mary Magdalene and she went running to his followers to tell them Jesus had risen but no one believed her. As we went deeper into conversation about this specific scripture, she began to talk about Mary Magdalene.

She said Mary Magdalene was known as a prostitute. Although it doesn't say that in the bible, people all around the world started saying she was a prostitute and not someone loyal to Jesus. She said Mary Magdalene was a woman of means who was independent, had her own money and supported Jesus's ministry. Ms.Mallory began talking about the women in the bible. She explained to us how most of Jesus's ministry was women and not just men. Back then if a man wanted to be fed and clothed, it was the women who farmed and harvested the food for them to cook and feed the men. It was the women who made the clothing. Without women the men back then had nothing. She said Jesus restored the place of women by giving them the power they had. She began talking about the story of Adam and Eve. She said that Eve came from the rib of Adam for a reason. He didn't take a piece of his head to make her or a piece of his foot to make

her because she wasn't made to be above him or to be below him. She was made to be by his side and him by her side. I really loved the way she explained this. I wish that was the point of view for the world instead of it being so sexist and belittling women.

So after our discussion about Mark 16:9-10, we began to talk about a project of hers that she wants our help with. She explained that it's a mini documentary about the women of God. She said that she wants us to use iMovie with this project because we'll edit better there. She said that there will be three women we'll do this project on. The two that she has right now will be Mary Magdalene and Ameranis (not sure if i spelled her name right). She said I'll have Mary Magdalene for this project. She then said how she wants us to use survey monkey to create a survey about the women of God or really any questions to send out to the students in the dorms. For example "What did women do in the bible?" I think this would be a good idea. I would really like to see some results because I'm curious about what people know at this school considering 50% of our school is internationals from other countries and cultures. Not everyone worships and studies the same religions.

Later in the week she sent us some interviews she did with two women on her show "Reclaiming History." She did an interview with Jill Eileen Smith who is a bestselling and award winning author of the biblical fiction series *The Wives of King David*, *Wives of Patriarchs*, and *Daughters of the Promised Land*. As well as the nonfiction book *When Life Doesn't Match Your Dreams*. In this interview They talk specifically about The Queen of Sheba (*The Loves of King Solomon Book #4*). Apparently she is the most famous woman of the Old Testament and most known and Jesus mentions her countlessly. After reading many legends and books about The Queen, she decided to make her own assumption. The second interview was with Dr. Carol Meyers the author to *Rediscovering Eve: Ancient Israelite Women in Context*. They talked about

the older women in the bible and what their roles were in the household. They were known as household managers. Their job was to manage the space in the house, they organized the labor of the children because they didn't have school, and they told their husbands what things needed to be done. The household was the main focus of life. They talk about this prophet named Alisha and the story of her household. I found both of these interviews pretty interesting because if I'm being honest, our theology classes talk mostly about men. So I was pleased to hear how important women were.