

## THE WOMEN (based on Luke 8:1-3)

Jesus travelled through towns and villages preaching and proclaiming the Good News. The twelve disciples went with him as well as some **women**. Among them were Mary, whose surname was Magdalene, Joanna whose husband Chuza worked at Herod's court and Susanna. There are many other women who used their own resources to help Jesus and his disciples.

### ***blind man***

*In Mark's Gospel you will find the same story with this difference: the blind man is named Bartimaeus.*

### ***Sinner***

*To the Pharisees anyone who did not keep God's law in every detail was a sinner. Simon was shocked to see Jesus accept this service from a woman who was known to be a sinner.*

*'Simon, you did not wash or dry my feet; nor did you anoint my head'. These would have been polite ways to greet a guest who had travelled over dusty roads.*

### ***Women***

*At the time of Jesus it would have been unusual for women to be included among the disciples of a great Teacher. Luke is reminding his readers that the Good News is for everyone and that in the Kingdom of God everyone is equal. Luke also tells us it was the women who were the first to tell the good news of the resurrection. (The empty tomb p113)*