Women in the Bible

6/1   Esther
6/8   Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany, Mary – mother of Jesus

Esther

1. Book of Esther

    a. Controversy in Canonization

    b. Festival of Purim

        i. Historical or Fiction

2. Story of Esther

    a. Setting during the Persian Period

        i. Biblical history

    b. Esther becomes Queen

        i. Vacancy for Queen after Vashti is exiled by King Xerxes

        ii. Mordecai uncovers a conspiracy

    c. Conflict between Haman and Mordecai

        i. Haman's Hatred of Mordecai

        ii. Plans for Genocide

    d. Mordecai's Challenge to Esther

        i. Esther's Courage

        ii. Reversal for Haman

    e. Resolution

        i. Festival of Purim

3. Lessons from Esther

    a. Calling to Respond

    b. Question of Revenge