

## AWARENESS.SKILLS.KNOWLEDGE.

Welcome To A.S.K. - Saint Matthew AME Church Intergenerational Women's Ministry  
Study of Named and Unnamed Women In the Bible  
Joanna – The Woman Who, Healed By Christ, Honored Him – 25 April 2026



This is the day, Saturday, 25 April 2026, that the Lord has made and we as women, sisters, ladies young and younger honor Him with this time to explore how being

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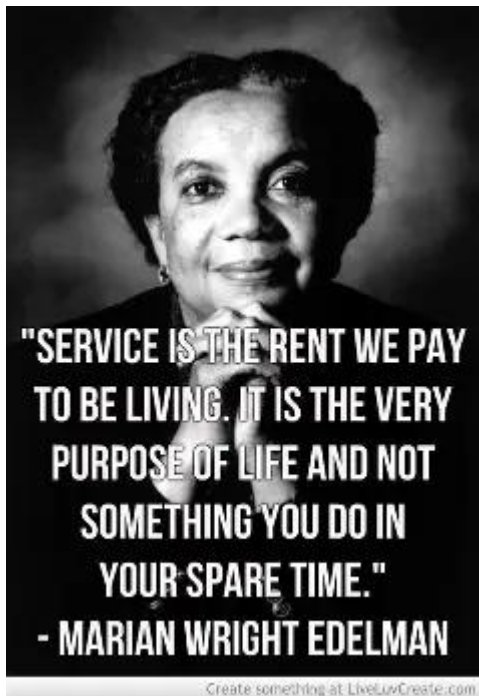
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contributes to our God given purpose to minister to all His children.

The objective is explore named and unnamed women in in the Bible to gain awareness, increase communication skills, and build our knowledge to match gifts and strengths with appropriate ministry - service - positions at home, work, church, in the community!

# AWARENESS

From “All Women of the Bible” by Herbert Lockyer  
Joanna – The Woman Healed by Christ, and Honored Him  
Luke 8:1-3; 23:55; 24:10 - Book Pages 178-79

*Joanna the wife of Chuza (Kuzza), the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.*  
Luke 8:3 (NIV)

## The Books Author (Source: Bible Hub)

- The Gospel bearing the name of Luke presents a carefully investigated account of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Early church tradition and modern scholarship both point to a physician named Luke as the primary author.
- Date: Most scholars: AD 80–90; some suggest AD 58–62
- Place: Likely region in the eastern Mediterranean (Greece, Asia Minor, or Rome), Greek speaking.
- Context: Written for Gentile converts, reflecting historical events and early Christian theology, showing how it addressed both Jews and Gentiles while preserving eyewitness traditions about Jesus' life and ministry.

## Joanna's Name Means

- It is Hebrew and means “Jehovah hath shown favor” or “The Lord is grace” or “The Lord gave graciously”.
- It was because the Lord showed favor to Joanna that she rose up and followed Him.



## Joanna's Family Connection

- She was the wife of Chuza, the house steward of Herod the Tetrarch whom some writers identify as the Nobleman of John 4:46-54.
- She was a devoted disciple of the One to whom she owed so much.
- She is believed to be one of the key sources of the life of Jesus written by the Apostle Luke.

## A Sick Woman Healed by Christ

- Joanna, along with Mary Magdalene and Susanna were among the “certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities (demon possessed, mental or physical infirmities).

- It is evident that the woman of the upper class, restored to normal health by Christ, gave her life to Him as one of His and the Twelve as traveling companions.
- Out of her came resources where many expenses were met and in this way she ministered unto Him.
- Having freely received His healing touch, she freely gave of herself and of her means for His welfare.

#### **A Loyal Witness in an Unusual Sphere**

- Chuza, the husband of Joanna, was in some ways a tutor (Matthew 20:8) or guardian (Galatians 4:2) of Herod.
- Chuza must have been a man of intelligence and ability in order to hold the position he did as manager of Herod's income expenditure.
- As Joanna was known as one of the Lord's disciples, naturally she would speak of Him among Herod's servants (Matthew 14:2).
- The office of her husband gave Joanna an excellent opportunity of witnessing in the palace, and we can imagine how she took full advantage of it.
- Christians find themselves in most unlikely places wherein they can witness a good confession for Christ.
- Tradition has it that Chuza lost his position in Herod's palace because his wife's conversion to Christianity and her courageous testimony among Herod's servants.

#### **A Generous Supporter of Christ**

- Christ had ministered to her physical restoration and salvation and in turn she ministered to Him.
- By "substance" we are to understand material possessions such as money and property and Joanna honored the Lord with these.
- Knowing He and the disciples accompanying Him had very little to support them, Joanna, out of her plenty, gave liberally to the needs and thus exemplified the grace of giving.
- We can imagine what joy filled the liberal heart of Joanna as she recalled how she had ministered unto the Lord who had done so much for her and helped to meet His material needs.

#### **A Sorrowful Mourner at the Grave of Christ**

- Among the women at the cross, the heart of Joanna must have been rent with anguish as she saw her beloved Lord dying in agony and shame.

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- The One who had cured her body and her soul had become precious to minister to Him while He was alive, she continues her ministry of love as His body is still and cold in death.
- Too many save their flowers for the grave (WOW!). Joanna gave hers to Jesus when He was alive and Joanna was among the sorrow-stricken women who early on that first memorable Lord's Day gathered at the sepulcher to linger in the presence of the dead.

### **A Joyful Herald of Her Lord's Resurrection**

- The living Lord was no longer among the dead.
- "He is not here but is risen; remember how He spoke unto you when He was yet in Galilee."
- Recalling all He had said of His suffering, death and Resurrection, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of Jesus became the first human heralds of the Resurrection.
- Joanna, then was among the last at the cross and among the first to witness the empty tomb and likewise among the first to proclaim that the Lord whom she had so dearly loved was risen indeed.

# IN FAITH!

# SKILLS

Communication Talking Point 36: Service = Ministry

Key Words: Sharing; Generosity  
Values: Courage; Faith; Love; Service

## 10 Important Lessons from Joanna in the Bible<sup>1</sup>

1. Having a luxurious lifestyle is not indicative of one's righteousness in the eyes of God. Riches and poverty don't determine your faith but how you use them to strengthen it.
2. God can use anyone to advance His kingdom.
3. Sharing the [Word of God](#) doesn't depend on fame or recognition; it's more about being obedient and spreading the truth to others.
4. God created everyone with unique gifts and talents.
5. [Sharing the Gospel](#) brings immense joy, but it's not without its bumps in the road. You may sometimes face heartache and hardship – yet remember that [Jesus walks with you every step of the way!](#)
6. Even now, Jesus has the power to bring healing and restoration. His mercy is never-ending.
7. We are called to share the good news of Jesus Christ.
8. When things don't happen as expected, know that God has a plan.
9. Remember the love that God has for you.
10. Fellowship with other believers can strengthen us as we share God's love.

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<sup>1</sup> [The Inspiring Story of Joanna in the Bible and 10 Critical Lessons We Can Learn from Her](#) | Crossmap Blogs

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**KNOWLEDGE**



Dear \_\_\_\_\_(insert your name)

Today I engaged in a conversation about a woman named Joanna, who was a woman of means, was one of the first to witness the empty tomb of Christ and share the good news. When I pause and reflect on the Lord’s process, I am hard pressed to remember God does, has, will use me with and without tangible resources to bring others closer to Him through His Son Jesus. I embrace the values of sharing, giving in His name, courage, compassion, and faith! I know this reflection and study of a conscious believing female, using her station in life to assist in meeting the needs of Jesus and His disciples, what she did with her resources, causes me to consider in my spiritual journey how my helping others is like Joanna helping Christ.

Because I know “God is doing something wonderful in me!” I must be aware of tools Satan will use (fear, pride, doubt, insecurity, silence, arrogance, distrust, strife, and division for example) to keep me focused on the temporary and not on the eternal. Satan wants to deny and distract me from being loving, friendly, welcoming, helpful, warm, kindhearted, neighborly, or hospitable so that I am unable to serve the Lord in mind, spirit and heart. But God has a victorious plan for my life! Because of what I heard, shared, learned, witnessed, thought about, I want to remember most, my takeaway is ...

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In Jesus Name,

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### Awareness



### Skills



### Knowledge



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**EVERY 4<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY**

**May 23, 2026**

**Woman With the Issue of Blood – Who Was Healed By A Touch**

**Matthew 9:20-22; Mark 5:25-34; Luke 8:43-48**

**Book Pages 221-222**

**(Women's Health Awareness Month)**

**June 25, 2026**

**Hagar – The Woman Who Lost A Bottle But Found a Well**

**Genesis 16, 21:9-17; 25:12; Galatians 4:24-25**

**Book Pages 61-64**

**(PTSD Awareness Month)**

**July-August Summer Break**

### **Zoom Information**

**Meeting ID: 716275876 Passcode: 6781293**

**Phone Dial In Number: 929-205-6099, Meeting ID 716275876**

\* Resource/Study Books - The Bible and "All The Women of the Bible"  
by Herbert Lockyer

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**

**1-800-799-SAFE (7233)**

**Suicide, Crisis, Mental Health Lifeline**

**988**

**BLESSINGS OVERFLOW**