

Mark Part 30 - "He has Risen" (11-16-25)

Main Text: Mark chapter 16:1-14 (parallels: Matthew chapter 28, Luke chapter 24, John chapters 20-21)

Introduction: After the death & burial of Jesus, his followers have kept the sabbath, mourning & hiding . . .

Mark 16:1-14 (ESV)

[1] When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. [2] And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. [3] And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" [4] And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. [5] And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. [6] And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. [7] But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." [8] And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. [9] [[Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. [10] She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. [11] But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. [12] After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. [13] And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. [14] Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen.

1) What's with Mark 16:9-20?

- Verses 9-20 are probably marked in some specific way in your bible, to set them apart.
- This is due to the fact that they are not included in some of the oldest manuscripts that have been found.
- But they were quoted and referenced by the early church (as early as the 2nd century)

Some key thoughts: These verses do not contradict scripture.

What is contained in these verses appear in other gospels:

- Mary Magdalene (freed from demons in Luke 8 / encountered Jesus after resurrection in John 20,
- The 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24
- The great commission in Matthew 28

Also, some of the things described are things that happened in the lives of the early church:

The description of miracles that will happen through Jesus' followers are recorded in the book of Acts.

So, what to make of verses 9-20?

- They were original, but lost to some manuscripts
- Mark ended in verse 8
- Mark had a longer ending that was lost
- So, early church recognized the abrupt ending and added these verses to give closure to the gospel.

One of the things important in bible study is cross referencing, and studying the whole counsel of scripture. We should not build theology from one or two verses, but take into account what scripture says throughout. Nothing is lost if these verses are left out, nothing is added that is erroneous if they are included.

So, we'll proceed . . .

2) The Resurrection of Jesus

Mark 16:1-4 (ESV)

[1] When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. [2] And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. [3] And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” [4] And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.

Note: At early dawn, they come to anoint the body of Jesus. This is a hard job under any circumstances. Now they realize as they approach the tomb, we can’t open it on our own. But wait, the stone is rolled away!

Mark 16:5-7 (ESV)

[5] And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. [6] And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. [7] But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

Note: This messenger gives them the news . . .

- **Don’t be alarmed** (to be struck with terror, to be greatly amazed from admiration, terror, or distress of mind)
- Jesus who was crucified, is now Risen!
- Go tell his disciples (and take special note to tell Peter), and then go meet Jesus in Galilee.

3) The Reactions of Jesus’ followers

Mark 16:8 (ESV)

And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Note: This appears to be a description of being in shock. Their initial reaction is to say nothing from fear.

Mark 16:9-11 (ESV)

[9] Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. [10] She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. [11] But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

Note: Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene (story is told in John 20:11-18). Mary goes and tells of her encounter, but the others wouldn’t believe it.

Mark 16:12-13 (ESV)

[12] After these things he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. [13] And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them.

Note: Two Travelers on the Road to Emmaus (story is told in Luke 24:13-35). These to go and tell of their encounter, but they aren’t believed either.

Mark 16:14 (ESV)

Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen.

Note: Jesus calls them out for their hardness of heart, and unbelief!

Conclusion: Consider from Peter (who denied Jesus, but was forgiven by the resurrected Jesus) . . .

2 Peter 1:16 (ESV)

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

Note: The Gospel is first of all, an account of something that has happened. Will we hear it, and in our amazement, will we believe?

1 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV)

[3] Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, [4] to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, [5] who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. [6] In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, [7] so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. [8] Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, [9] obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Note: Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him.

Consider the 2 endings of Mark:

- Will I be amazed at the resurrection of Jesus, and consider what His life means to me?
- Will I believe these eyewitness accounts of those who saw his death, burial, and resurrection?
- Will I join my voice with theirs to tell the story I have come to believe?