

Study Guide

Mark 16:1-8

1. Read Mark 16:1-3. Discuss how the three ladies on their way to the tomb might have been feeling hopeless, helpless and even worthless. How would you feel if you knew that Jesus is dead and His remains are in a grave in Jerusalem? (see also 1 Cor. 15:17-19)
2. Read Mark 16:4-6. What were the results of the ladies “looking up”? What did they see? What are the implications of Jesus rising from the dead?
3. Read Mark 16:7. Notice how very real the resurrection was. Real people, real places, real leadership, real encounters, but most of all real words, “...just as he told you.”(v.7b). Notice how Jesus had told them that He would rise after three days (see Mark 8:31-32; 9:31-32; 10:33-34). Read Luke 24:25-27 and see how Jesus thinks it is “foolish” not to believe His word. How do we at times doubt His word?
4. Read Mark 16:8. Mark ends abruptly with the trembling “ecstasy” and overwhelming awe of these ladies. The same words were used throughout Mark to describe how people reacted to other supernatural accounts (Mark 4:41; 5:15; 5:33; 5:42; 6:51; 9:6). Have you ever received a God-given ability to reverence the authority and power of God...a holy fear? How does an understanding of who God is change our attitudes?
5. In summary, Mark ends illustrating to us that our God is a flawless Servant-King. He perfectly loves us and also has endless ability. How does knowing these two facts change our lives? (see also 1 Peter 1:8).

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Introduction

A. The Accuracy of Scripture

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B. The Addendum to Mark's Gospel

1. External Evidence:

- a. Most important Texts end with Mark 16:8.

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- The Old Syriac Bible- 200 AD (350 + copies)
- Codex Vaticanus- entire OT and NT – 325 AD
- Codex Sinaiticus- entire NT – 350 AD
- Jerome's Vulgate- 400 AD- (8000 copies in Latin)

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- b. Early Church Fathers reject Mark 16:9-20.

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2. Internal Evidence:

Inconsistent literary style and vocabulary.

A. When Jesus is Dead (v.1-3)

"When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?""

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1. Hopeless- I need vision
2. Worthless- I want to matter
3. Helpless- I need help

B. When I Look Up (v.4-6)

"And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were

alarmed. “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.””

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1. Jesus Died
2. Jesus Lives

C. God Starts to Reveal Himself (v.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.”

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1. Real Places
2. Real People
3. Real Leadership
4. Real Encounters
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Mark 8:31-32a

“And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.”³² And he said this plainly.”

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Mark 9:31-32

“for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.”³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.”

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Mark 10:33-34

“saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.””

5. Real Words - “...just as he told you.”

Luke 24:25-27

“And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.”

D. If Jesus is God it Changes Everything (v.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.”

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Mark 4:41- “And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?””

Mark 5:15- “And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.”

Mark 5:33- “But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth.”

Mark 5:42- “And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.”

Mark 6:51- “And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded,”

Mark 9:6- “For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.”

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1 Peter 1:8- “Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy.”