



Mark: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus

Chapter #16 – The Risen King and the Mission Continues

Main Idea

Mark 16 recounts the resurrection of Jesus and its immediate impact. Early on the first day of the week, women, including Mary Magdalene, visit the tomb and find the stone rolled away. A young man (who was an angel) announces that Jesus has risen and instructs them to tell the disciples and Peter. Initially afraid, the women flee. Jesus then appears to Mary Magdalene and later to two followers on the road, yet their reports are met with disbelief. Finally, He appears to the Eleven, rebukes their unbelief, and commissions them to preach the gospel to all creation. The chapter concludes with Jesus' ascension and the disciples boldly proclaiming His message, confirmed by accompanying signs.

Chapter Outline

- The Resurrection (verses 1 through 8)
- The Commission (verses 14 through 18)
- The Ascension (verses 19 through 20)

Questions for Consideration

1. Why is the resurrection central to our faith as Believers?
2. How do fear and faith interact at the tomb?
3. What responsibility does the Great Commission give Believers?
4. As we end our study of Mark, what text has stood out to you most and how has it impacted your way of living?



Mark 16 (NIV)

Jesus Has Risen

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" ⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.^[a]

[The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have verses 9–20.]

⁹When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. ¹⁰She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. ¹¹When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.

¹²Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. ¹³These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either. ¹⁴Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen. ¹⁵He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." ¹⁹After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. ²⁰Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

Footnotes

- a. Mark 16:8 Some manuscripts have the following ending between verses 8 and 9, and one manuscript has it after verse 8 (omitting verses 9-20): *Then they quickly reported all these instructions to those around Peter. After this, Jesus himself also sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen.*

