

Date: 3 Aug 25

Text: Mark 16:1-8

Message: Ted Rastatter

Questions: Jason Finke

In this week's passage, Mark recounts the experience of some women visiting the tomb on the first day of the week after Christ's crucifixion. The women were taking spices to anoint Jesus' body. As they were on their way to the tomb, they were wondering how they would roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb. When they arrived, they found the stone already moved and upon entering the tomb they found a young man sitting there. The young man proceeded to tell them that Jesus had risen, and directed them to go and tell His disciples that Jesus was going ahead of them to Galilee where they would see Him. The women left the tomb trembling, silent, and afraid.

The main point of the sermon was Unsettled by the Resurrection. The sermon was organized around 3 observations.

1. Surprise
2. Supremacy
3. Silence

Discussion

1. In the sermon, Ted noted that we should be unsettled by the resurrection. Why should we be unsettled by the resurrection? Are you unsettled when you think of the resurrection? Why or why not?
2. Ted also discussed how the women were surprised by Jesus' resurrection. Why were the women (and later the disciples) surprised by Jesus' resurrection even though He had told them he was going to be crucified and resurrected? **Read Luke 18:31-34.** What reason does this passage give for why they were surprised?
3. Furthermore, Ted stated that the supremacy of God should make us surrender. How is God's supremacy demonstrated in the resurrection of Christ? In what other ways does God make His supremacy apparent? Why should a recognition of God's supremacy lead us to surrender? What does it mean to surrender to God?
4. Ted also asked us to notice the silence in the women's response to the news that Jesus had risen. Why were they silent? Can you think of other instances where people's response to God was silence? **Read Job 40:1-5.** What was Job's reason for being silent before God?

Reflection: Ted ended the sermon with several questions for the congregation to think about. Has the Gospel unsettled your life? How has it unsettled you? How has it silenced you?