



Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: He Has Risen!

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Outline: Mark 15:42-16:8 | He Has Risen!

- ❖ ***The Kingdom Draws Unexpected Followers (15:42-47)***
 - Joseph risks much to honor Jesus as he waits for the kingdom (15:42-46).
 - The women who served and cared for Jesus in Galilee remain faithfully present with Jesus (15:47; cf. 40-41).
 - **Question:** What does it mean for us to follow Jesus with courage?
- ❖ ***The Resurrected Jesus Calls His Followers to Continue in His Ministry (16:1-8)***
 - The women see the empty tomb with new eyes (16:1-5).
 - Jesus goes ahead of His followers as they continue His ministry (16:6-8).
 - **Question:** The empty tomb calls us all to continue the ministry of Jesus. How will you live and preach the good news that, "He is risen"?
- ❖ **Bottom Line: A resurrected King means His mission continues.**

Questions for reflection or discussion:

Mark 15:42-47

- Why do you think Joseph of Arimathea and the women were willing to be openly identified as followers of Jesus even when the rest of the disciples went into hiding? Has there been a time in your life of knowing Christ where you have failed to openly identify yourself as a follower of Jesus? Has there been a time in your life where you have declared yourself as a follower of Jesus, even though it meant you standing alone or being excluded? Share about these experiences with the group.

Mark 16:1-5

- Why do you think we, in our human/sin nature, tend to lean towards expecting the worst? In what areas of your life are you living as if defeat is certain, instead of expecting Jesus to bring resurrection and new life? Why do you think God often reveals His work to those who are already moving in bold, expectant obedience?

Mark 16:6-8

- Why do you think Jesus directed His disciples back to Galilee instead of keeping them in Jerusalem? Where is your "Galilee", that is the ordinary place where God is calling you to live out His mission?
- How has Jesus' resurrection changed your life? Who in your life has God placed in front of you that needs to hear your story? In what specific ways can the group be praying for you to live out the great commission in obedience?