

A LIVING GOD

The Resurrection of Jesus

Pastor Chris Engel — January 4, 2026

Mark 16:1–8(NIV)

1When 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.

● **The stone was rolled away not to let Jesus out but to let them in.** (vs. 1-4; Matthew 28:1-7)

"Interesting to me, that as they were on their way, they were worried among themselves as to who would roll away the stone. So typical of worry, because in reality, they were worried about something that they never needed to worry about. And so much of your worry is about things you don't need to worry about. Because by the time you arrive at that scene, God has already preceded you there and taken care of it." Smith

● **Jesus defeated death! Jesus is Alive!** (vs. 4-6; Luke 24:1-12; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Acts 1:1-11)

"A dead Christ I must do everything for; a living Christ does everything for me." C.S. Lewis:

● **Do you believe that Jesus rose from the dead? Do you serve a Living God or a dead god?** (vs. 8; Acts 2:22-24)

"Yes, Jesus Christ is alive. This risen Christ, taken by faith in all of His power and glory, is great enough and big enough to cope with every problem the human race faces at this hour... He is master of our business on Monday and Tuesday as well as our religious life on Sunday. Secularism is growing because we have tried to get Him abdicated from the realms of economics, politics and science. We have thought that the world's problems could be solved by diplomacy, by scientific advancement, by economic progress. We have lost the New Testament concept that envisioned a cosmic Christ who was woven into the warp and woof of the universe and who could not be taken out without destroying the fabric of the whole world." Billy Graham