

Lion Man

SERMON 12

TEXT: Mark 16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Be sure to use the new reading guide as we study through 1 Kings and the life of Solomon.
 - Redeemer 101, April 8th at 4pm at FCS.
 - Serve Rocky Mount coming up April 15-21. Leaders, share info on your group's assignment.
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LEADING OFF...

1. Why does every human heart long for stories of hope and redemption?

BIG IDEA: We are fearless because Jesus is the risen king.

Read Mark 16:1-8

2. What is significant that it was the women who went to the tomb and first saw the empty tomb?
3. Even in Jesus' appearing first to Mary Magdelene, how was this scandalous?
4. What does the significance of the grace shown to Mary Magdelene mean to you?
5. From the other gospels we know that the disciples were hiding in fear. What were they afraid of?

Read Acts 2:22-24

6. Weeks later, we see Peter standing before a hostile crowd of thousands proclaiming the gospel of Jesus. How could this happen? How did Peter become fearless?
7. In verse 23 we see both the sovereignty of God and the responsibility of man in the death of Jesus. Share your faith to believe in God's plan.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-9

8. How was "the gospel" viewed in the first century?
9. So, discuss how this was very significant for first century Christians to proclaim "good news" that Jesus was risen and King over all.
10. Verse 3 Paul says he delivered what was "of first importance". What is of first importance?
11. What is the gospel? Someone please share the gospel with the group.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:14-19

12. The disciples believed that if Jesus had not been raised...
 - a. Christianity is worthless (v14)
 - b. We are blasphemers (v.15)
 - c. You are dead in your sins with no hope (v.17)
 - d. Death is final (v.18)
 - e. We are fools (v.19)
13. Talk about the implications of these points in these verses.

Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

14. Because Jesus has been raised from the dead, what do we now hope in?
15. Most believe the most powerful thing in the world which we cannot escape is death. If death has been defeated and is overcome, is there anything we should be afraid of?
16. What does it mean to reclaim “the swagger of the resurrection”?

Wrapping Up...

17. How is the resurrection of Jesus way more than a happy ending to the Easter story?