

GOSPEL OF MARK: LEARNING TO FOLLOW JESUS, OUR SERVANT KING
“The Happiest of Endings”

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1 Corinthians 15:1-8

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Introduction:

- A. In a poem called “The Widow in the Bye Street” by John Masefield, he tells about a despairing mother whose son was being _____ and she sobbed saying, “Things are _____, too _____ to mend.”
- B. That woman’s anguish and despair give us insight into what the _____ must have been feeling when _____ that Friday afternoon.
- C. Mark tells us that one of the _____ stories turned into one with the _____ of endings.

I. The Resurrection _____ (Mk. 16:1-8)

- A. How was the tomb empty?
 - 1. His _____ stole the body.
 - 2. His _____ removed the body.
 - 3. He is _____.
- B. Another significant thing to note from the angel’s pronouncement was the command to go tell His disciples and _____ the He would _____ to them soon.
- C. Have you ever wondered if God could _____ or if God wanted you involved in His _____?

II. The Resurrection _____ (Mk. 16:9-18)

- A. Why do scholars question if the last _____ verses of Mark belong in his Gospel?
 - 1. Two of the _____ and _____ manuscripts do not contain the 12 verses.
 - 2. The _____ of Greek manuscripts do contain the 12 verses.
 - 3. Two of the earliest church fathers who wrote early in the _____ century, made references to these verses in their writings.
 - 4. It also doesn’t make sense that a Gospel about Jesus, our risen Lord, would end with: “and they said _____ to anyone, for they were _____.
- B. First, Mark reports that Jesus appeared to _____.
- C. Second, Mark reports that Jesus appeared to _____ disciples.
- D. Third, Mark reports that Jesus appeared to the _____.
- E. Notice three elements of the commission:
 - 1. There is the command to go and _____ the _____.
 - 2. There is a specific way to receive the Gospel - a person must _____ and be _____.
 - 3. The third element of the commission was confirming _____ - the apostles needed some _____ power and confirming _____.

III. The Resurrection _____ (Mk. 16:19-20)

- A. Jesus’ ascension into heaven is the _____ of His Gospel _____.
- B. Mark ended with a _____ of the rest of the story that shows the _____ of the resurrected Savior at work in His followers.

Conclusion: The Gospel of Jesus is the ultimate _____ story with the _____ of endings. If Jesus is our Savior then our stories will have the happiest endings?

Answer Key: Intro.A. executed, broken, broken. B. disciples, Jesus, died. C. saddest, happiest. I. Verified. I.A.1. disciples. I.A.2. enemies. I.A.3. risen. I.B. Peter, appear. I.C. forgive, mission. II. Personified. II.A. 12. II.A.1. best, oldest. II.A.2. majority. II.A.3. 2nd. II.A.4. nothing, afraid. II.B. Mary, Magdalene. II.C. two, unnamed. II.D. eleven, apostles. II.E.1. preach, Gospel. II.E.2. believe, baptized. II.E.3. power, protecting, signs. III. Ratified. III.A. culmination, mission. III.B. snapshot, power. Concl. Tragic, happiest.