



Mark: The Way to Wholeness
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Key Verses: Mark 16:1-20

Key Thought: Though we might have failed him, we can encounter the risen Jesus anew and hear our commission to spread the gospel of Jesus everywhere we go.

Points to Consider:

- Peter and Mark (see Acts 15:37-38) experienced significant failures... but also restoration.
- Encountering the risen Jesus changed everything for his followers.
- As noted in your Bible, Mark 16:9-20 is not present in our oldest manuscripts. It might have been added by a later, well-meaning scribe who recognized that the Gospel seemed to need an ending. While much of it aligns with what is known from other Gospels, there is debate among scholars as to whether it ought to have the status of “Scripture.”
- Merely knowing about Jesus is different than truly knowing Jesus.
- Jesus will work in and through us as we obey his commission to spread the gospel.

Discussion Questions:

- Do you live as if Jesus were dead, or alive?
- How might trusting in the resurrection change our lives?
- Have you been content with secondhand knowledge of Jesus (i.e., knowing about Jesus), instead of seeking firsthand knowledge of Jesus (i.e., knowing Jesus)? What can you do to seek firsthand knowledge of Jesus?
- Do you struggle to grasp that Jesus has commissioned you? Why?
- What might it look like for you to “spread” the gospel of Jesus this week?