

# Mark 16 – 17 October 2021

## “What To Do With A Resurrected Jesus”

### Introduction

- \*Jesus Christ has come into Jerusalem for the last week of His earthly ministry & life to die for our sins
- \*The cross was the culmination of His dedication to save our souls from separation from God for eternity
- \*Chap 15 we saw Jesus' trial, crucifixion & burial
- \*In Chap 16 we begin to see different people's reactions to the resurrection of our Lord Jesus

We'll see the women at the tomb, 2 men of road to Emmaus, the 11 disciples and more

- \*Today from angels, the author & Jesus Himself, we'll be instructed regarding what we ought to do with a resurrected Jesus

**So, 3 things we ought to do because Jesus conquered death and is alive forevermore**

# 1<sup>st</sup> thing we should do w/ a resurrected Jesus is Know His Word (Vs 1-8)

## Intro

1. Someone who can bring themselves back from the dead is someone worth listening to!
2. Here begins the story of the women coming to the tomb of Jesus at the first of the week

## Read Vs 1-3

1. They're there to do what's right/honorable, at the earliest possible time, regardless of the barriers
2. This is great love
  - a. Mary Magdalene – Jesus cast out 7 demons
  - b. Those that are forgiven much, love much
3. These ladies may not have known everything about Jesus (like that He would rise on 3<sup>rd</sup> day), but with what they knew of Him, they loved Him

## Read Vs 4

1. Matt tells us it was an earthquake that did this

2. God took care of the barrier, but remember, what they were going to do (anoint the body), wasn't needed at all.
  - a. Did they know His Word that He would rise?
  - b. They loved Him for what they knew, but there's always more to press into and experience

Read Vs 5- 6

1. Matt says the keepers did shake & were as dead, but angel told women don't fear b/c they seek Jesus
  - a. There is always peace in coming to Jesus
  - b. Unbelievers SHOULD have a sense of fear
2. Read Luke 24:5-6 – Angel gives them a hard time, saying they should have known this already
  - a. Many people sit in church & don't take in the Word but their mind is on the ballgame

Read Vs 7-8

1. "As He said unto you" – Follow God's Word
2. Read Rom 10:17 – "Faith comes by hearing..."
  - a. Primary – The Word needs to be heard!

## **2<sup>nd</sup> thing we should do w/ a resurrected Jesus is Believe His Word (Vs 9-14)**

Read Vs 9-11

1. The women ran back and told the 11 disciples who didn't believe them
2. These men had been w/ Jesus 3 year.
  - a. They knew Him and His Word, but they didn't BELIEVE it.
  - b. Many Christians today are like these disciples living in rules, bitterness & mourning.
    - i. Believing the Lord brings the joy of the Lord
    - ii. Had the disciples believed they would be joyful w/ expectation b/c it was the 3<sup>rd</sup> day

Read Vs 12-13

1. Recorded in Luke 24 – Cleopas & another on the road to their home in Emmaus
2. Read Luk 24:25-26 – Jesus had to rebuke them
3. They ran back & told Jesus' followers who didn't believe them

## Read Vs 14

1. Jesus chastised the 11 disciples for not believing the women
2. Let me translate – ‘Why didn’t you believe Mary when she told you?’
3. Belief is “putting into your life the things you’ve heard that you accept as true”.
4. Jesus directly confronted people with, not whether they ‘heard’ Him, but whether they ‘believed’ Him
  - a. Read John 11:23-26 (“Believest thou this?”)
  - b. Without faith it’s impossible to please God!

## **3<sup>rd</sup> thing we should do w/ a resurrected Jesus is Spread His Word (Vs 15-20)**

### Intro

1. Now we come to what we know as “The Great Commission”
2. In a spirit of knowing that we too were people that didn’t believe at first

## Read Vs 15-16

1. Upon belief only, nothing added
2. Baptism is a proof of true belief
3. Notice the second ½ of this very verse, those that don't believe are damned, therefore those that do believe are saved from being damned
4. As you read all the verses in the Bible regarding baptism, we see it's a picture to demonstrate to the world that there has been a conversion
5. So there is the choice of life by believing in the Son of God & the choice of death by not believing

## Read Vs 17-18

1. We should be reminded of the temptation of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 4
  - a. Read Matt 4:5-7 – Don't tempt the Lord
  - b. If these things COME TO YOU, God will protect you, but don't tempt God by coming to them

2. Notice also these things are said in the context of spread the Word of God
  - a. See vs 20b “& confirming word w/ signs following.”
  - b. God knows how to protect the messenger who go to deliver the message of salvation
    - i. We hear stories of missionaries that only have bad or even poisonous river water to drink
  - c. Act 28 gives us the story of Paul being bitten by a venomous snake& being healed by God

Read Vs 19

1. Jesus walked out to the Mt of Olives w/ them and blessed them just before liftoff!
2. They must have been relieved that although it started w/ chastisement, it ended w/ a blessing

Read Vs 20

1. Now their job is to convince others who haven't seen to believe (this was their problem)

# Conclusion

In conclusion, if Jesus is still dead, then I don't care what He said...He's just some man. But He's different than all others b/c He raised Himself from the dead! So what should we do to show Him that we honor Him?

## **1. Know His Word**

- a. We have the mind of God in His Word; we really have no excuse for not knowing His plan
- b. What a blessing that He's given us such insight into His nature and our great future

## **2. Believe His Word**

- a. Would Jesus 1<sup>st</sup> words to us be that of rebuke for knowing His Word but not believing it?
- b. Without faith it's impossible to please God

## **3. Spread His Word**

- a. The disciples know what it's like to hear & come to believe something huge & difficult, so they need to now go and give it to others.
- b. WE can't keep the love of God to ourselves