

Sermon: Where Failure Meets Grace

Mark 16:1-8

Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

⁵When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, ⁶but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. ⁷Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."

⁸The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

Do not miss the hidden authenticity of this text:

These women are devoted followers of Jesus, but they do not believe He is risen! Even though He clearly taught on the third day He would rise, they do not believe He is risen! They were not expecting a resurrection!

Apparently, GOD is neither offended nor afraid of their unbelief!

In the face of our failures, Grace keeps calling!

...AND PETER!

Peter's failure was greater than any other disciple.

Peter's failure was NOT GREATER than the Grace found at the Tomb!