Discussion Questions for Mark 16:1-8

Mark 16:1-3

Different accounts of this moment list different people being present in this moment. We should not struggle with this because each author choses what he included for his narrative purpose. One thing that is clear, women were the first to encounter the angel and the Resurrected Lord.

These ladies were attempting to perform a duty for the fallen Jesus. What can we know about them by the fact they were still serving him, even in their disappointment?

There is some connection between serving Jesus and seeing incredible things, why do you think that might be?

Mark 16:4-7

Imagine your surprise. All your expectations have been subverted. Look at each aspect of the angel's pronouncement and ask this question: How can I apply that message to my life?

Do not be alarmed.

You seek Jesus (who was crucified) – They were seeking a dead Jesus.

He has risen (he is not here) – Get accustomed to a different reality.

See for yourself – There is proof.

Go and Tell – Do not keep this to yourself.

Just as he told you – He speaks the truth.

Mark 16:8

They left afraid and saying little.

How would you react to this moment? This is spoken of often but be honest. This moment is before your encounter with Jesus, what would be going through your head?

How have/will/do you react when you encounter Jesus?