

## THE CONCLUSION OF MARK'S GOSPEL

(Mark 16.9-20)

Central Idea: *Mark's gospel has both asked and answered the question, "Who is Jesus and what did He do?" – He is both servant and Savior.*

### I. The Bible's Preservation and Transmission

#### Greek manuscripts

- Papyri
- Uncials
- Minuscules
- Lectionaries

#### Early translations

#### Church fathers

### II. The Conclusion of Mark's Gospel

#### Three primary possibilities:

- Short ending ... Gospel ended with 16.8
- Long ending ... 16.9-20 was penned by Mark and were included in his original gospel
- Intermediate ending ... see reading in margin of NASB

### The evidence for the short ending of Mark

1. Textual evidence
2. Style and vocabulary
3. Transition between 16.8 and 9

#### Resources for further study:

- [Searching for the Original Bible](#) by Randall Price
- [A Book to Die For: A Practical Study Guide on How Our Bible Came to Us](#) by William McRae
- [From God to Us: How We Got our Bible](#) by Norman Geisler and William Nix

#### **FOR INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION OR GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. What are some common objections unbelievers have about the Bible? How does the unbeliever typically view the Bible today?
2. Discuss how Jesus is presented in each of the gospels (as King, Servant, Man and God).
3. How do you see Mark's theme of the servanthood of Jesus presented in his gospel? Give some examples.
4. Review Mark 1-16. What has been meaningful to you during this study?

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MARK



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# uncials

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# The shorter version of Mark ...

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