

the gospel of
MARK

The Continual Ministry of Christ: Was, Has, and Is

Mark 16:1-8; 9-20

Why bother to read “Mark”?

- *God is making an Announcement!*
 - (1) He is buying back those He created and called.
 - (2) He **alone** can be both JUST and LOVING
 - (3) Jesus is a picture of God’s GRACE and MERCY
 - *Grace*: Getting what we don’t deserve
 - *Mercy*: NOT getting what we do deserve.

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- *vv. 1-2 The Women Go to the Tomb*

1.) When and why?

2.) Wait... how much time has passed?

3.) Where did all the good men go?

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- *vv. 3-5 The Stone and the Young Man*

1.) Why are they concerned about the stone?

2.) Mark is so honest: They were “alarmed”!

-Jdgs 6:23; Luke 1:13, 30; 2:10; Acts 27:24

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- *vv. 6-7 The Angel Speaks*
 - 1.) *“Don’t be alarmed”* (Classic angel...☺)
 - 2.) *“You are looking for Jesus...”*
 - 3.) *“He WAS crucified”*
 - 4.) *“He HAS been resurrected”* (Ēgerthē!)
 - 5.) *“He IS not here...”*

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- *vv. 6-7 The Angel Speaks*

6.) “Go and tell His disciples, *and Peter...*”

-Why this add-on for the MOST guilty, the MOST duplicitous and double-minded, the BIGGEST disappointment, the WORST betrayer?

-These words are for Peter. And you. And me.

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- *v 8 And then it just... ends!*
 - Again, Mark's gospel is so honest!
 - :They ran... trembling...astonished...wonderment
 - But why so abrupt?
 - :Jesus did what He set out to do.
 - :Now it is for us to Believe it or not.

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- *vv. 9-20 So where did all this come from?*
 - Internal Evidence: Form, language, style
 - External Evidence: earliest manuscripts
 - What did he get right?
 - :Belief vs Unbelief
 - :Where do we go from here?

Application/Prayerful consideration

- 1.) Mark's challenge to Non-Believers: Will you believe that Jesus is the Christ, repent and believe the Good news about Him?
- 2.) Mark's challenge to Believers: Will you imitate Jesus as His disciple, suffering the death-to-self that others might know Him?
- 3) Are the words "...and Peter" for you today?