



Easter Sunday!

April 20, 2025 – Mark 16:1-11; Romans 6:1-5

--- A historical fact! ---

Mark 16:1-11 (ESV)

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him.

²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”

⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.

⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. **He has risen**; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.

⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

⁹Now when he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. ¹⁰She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept.

¹¹But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

Romans 6:1-5 (ESV)

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Proofs of Jesus’ resurrection:

1. the empty tomb!
2. hundreds of witnesses!
3. strangeness of Jesus appearances!
4. changed lives!

--- A present reality! ---

The resurrection provides:

1) PRESENCE vs *aloneness*!

Romans 6:4-5; 8:9-11; Galatians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15
“Because of the death of Christ, His presence **can** come to us, and because of the resurrection of Christ, it **does** come to us!”
(Tim Keller)

2) POWER vs *powerlessness*!

Romans 6:4-6; Ephesians 1:17-20; 2:4-6; Philippians 4:13,19

3) HOPE vs *sorrow*!

> “hope” means profound certainty”
1 Corinthians 15:52; 1 Peter 1:3

---- Revelation Demands Response ----

1. Walk by faith: He **is** present and He is working!

Walk by faith when you feel alone, powerless, sorrowful!
Do you not know?

2. Don’t settle for mental assent, but run to a heart-soul-mind-strength trust and faith in Christ!

Application questions on the back →

--- *Easter Sunday!* ---

April 20, 2025

SUNDAY after church...

Think through your morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give! 2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received! 3) List songs or lyrics that touched your heart.

MONDAY

READ Sunday's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTED** As you read through the Gospel accounts of the resurrection morning, none seemed to be looking for the resurrected Christ, but the body. There was also unbelief that the women had seen Him. Think through reasons why they had this response. In regard to this, what does unbelief look like in your life? **PRAY:** Pray over your observations and applications.

TUESDAY

READ Sunday's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Read Romans 8:9-11 and write out your observations about His permanent presence in your life. How do you respond in faith to this? How do you respond in unbelief? **Pray:** Pray over your applications.

WEDNESDAY

READ Sunday's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Read Ephesians 1:17-20 and write out what these verses teach you about Christ's power in your life. How do you respond in faith to this? How do you respond in unbelief? **Pray:** Pray over your applications.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY

READ Sunday's verses. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Read over 1 Corinthians 15:52 and write out your observations and applications as you read about the certainty of our bodies being physically resurrected at Jesus' coming. How do you respond in faith to this? How do you respond in unbelief? **Pray:** Pray over your applications.

SATURDAY

Prepare your heart for Sunday's gathering by being ready to fully engage in the worship.