

SERMON NOTES

Easter People

Part 1 - The Show Must Go On

I. The Show Must Go On

A. Mark 16:1-7

1. 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."

B. This is the greatest show. This is the gospel we share with a dying world. This is our victory.

1. If you look in the dictionary under the word show, you'll see it's defined as a display or a spectacle.

a) Paul said that when Christ rose, there was a spectacle that took place-- not only on earth, but in heaven too.

2. Colossians 2:13-15 NIV

a) 13When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14having canceled the charge of our legal

indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. 15And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

II. Mark 16:9-11 ESV

A. 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.

1. Mary Magdalene's front row seat was the result of a faithful life.
 - a) Mary's story may have started by being demon-possessed, but she met a man who told her..

(1) This is not the end of your story.

III. Luke 8:1-3

A. 1Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, 2and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.

1. Mary didn't allow how her story began to dictate how her story would end.
 - a) She had seen too much to be bound by her past.
 - b) You have to be so consumed in walking in victory

that one failure can never halt your growth!

2. You can't be a victim and a victor at the same time.

IV. What did Mary actually do to earn a front row seat? She showed gratitude.

A. She went beyond being thankful and was grateful. There's a difference between the two.

1. Grateful people always seek to be a blessing, because they've received a blessing.

a) When you're really grateful, you don't just say it, you show it.