



He Is Risen!

Mark 16:1-8

May 22, 2016

INTRODUCTION:

He is risen! He is risen, indeed! This sermon concludes the series on the Gospel of Mark as we take a look at Mark's account of the resurrection. You can find the sermon notes and summary [here](#),¹ and listen to the sermon by clicking [here](#).²

SCRIPTURE:

Turn to Mark 16:1-8 in your Bible or [click here](#).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Even as the two Mary's and Salome went to show honor to Jesus at the tomb they realized they faced an obstacle saying, "Who will roll away the stone for us?" Amazingly, the answer was Jesus himself! He was risen. There will be times in which we will try to honor or obey God, but the obstacles will seem impossible to overcome. What stands in your way now as you seek to honor and obey Christ? Why not ask him to remove it for you.
2. The resurrection is important for so many reasons. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15 that without the resurrection that our faith is futile and we are still in our sins. But he is risen and our hope is in him! The resurrection also shows us that Christ can be trusted, because he foretold his death. We do not serve merely a good teacher, but the risen Lord!
3. The Gospel ends in verse 9 saying, "nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." This should stir a response in us that says, "But he rose just like he said he would. You have to tell someone!" That someone is us! We have finished the gospel; we have seen the testimony and can testify that it is true. Now we must go out and share it with the world.

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE:

The resurrection demands a response. It calls us to put our faith in the Son of God and to persevere in the face of doubt, suffering, and persecution. Rather than resolving the story, Mark leaves his readers to ponder the meaning of the empty tomb as interpreted by the angel's revelatory message. He wanted his readers to continue the story in their own lives. Mark is asking the question, "How will you respond to the announcement of the resurrection?"

AT A GLANCE:

"And 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. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." (Mark 16:6-7 ESV)

¹ <https://wheelsms.wordpress.com/2016/05/15/a-disciples-devotion/>

² <http://firstcentralbaptist.com/sermons/gospelofmark.html>