

THE GOSPEL OF MARK - THE SUFFERING SERVANT

The Servant's Resurrection

Mark 16

Outline v1-8: The angel's witness v9-11: Mary Magdalene's witness v12-13: The two disciples' witness v14-18: The Apostles' witness v19-20: The Apostles' works	Parallel Passages Matt. 28; Luke 24; John 20-21 Key Theme Resurrection Keywords Risen; Appeared; Believe;
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THE EMPTY TOMB

Mark 16:1-8

- Evidence of Jesus' resurrection and authenticity of the reports
 - Death confirmed
 - Early historical accounts of the resurrection
 - Empty tomb
 - Eye witness accounts (500 in 1 Cor. 15:6)
 - Martyrdom of the Apostles
 - Transforming power (e.g. Saul to Paul)
 - Self-deprecating accounts
- Without the resurrection power of Jesus Christ, our faith is _____. (1 Cor. 15:12-22)

THE THREE WITNESSES

Mark 16:9-13

- Two disciples on the way to Emmaus – Luke 24:13-15, 25-27

Mark 16:14

- Principle of two or three witnesses – Deut. 19:15; Ecc. 4:12; 2 Cor. 13:1; 1 Tim. 5:19
- Without belief and soft hearts, we will miss the clear _____ sent from God.
 - Jesus' prophecies of death and resurrection – Mark 8:31; 9:30-32; 10:32-34; 14:27-28
 - Parable of the sower and the four soils - Mark 4:1-20

- Disciples' hard hearts – Mark 6:52; 8:17-18
- **Action:** Humble yourself before the Lord and cleanse your heart
 - **Psalm 34:18** *The LORD [is] nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.*
 - **Mark 9:24** *And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.*
 - **Matthew 5:8** *Blessed [are] the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

THE WORK OF THE LORD

Mark 16:15-20

- Historical and Doctrinal clarity
 - Salvation through faith
 - v16: emphasis for salvation is on belief (e.g. “...*believe not shall be damned.*”)
 - Romans 10:9-10, 13; Acts 8:36-37; Ephesians 2:8-9
 - Gentiles saved and received Holy Ghost before baptism (Acts 10:44-48)
 - Signs of the Apostles
 - v17-19, 20 - (e.g. “...*confirming the word with signs following...*”)
 - Acts 2:43; 5:12; 2 Cor. 12:12
 - Cessation of the sign gifts when Word of God complete - 1 Cor. 13:8-13
 - Shift from Apostolic signs for the Jews to preaching to the Gentiles- 1 Cor. 1:21-25
- Without the _____ of the gospel, the world will miss the clear testimony of salvation.
 - **Romans 10:13-17** (13) *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (14) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! (16) But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? (17) So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*