

THE GOSPEL OF  
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**CHAPTER 16**  
**THE RESURRECTION**

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the most significant truth of life. Without it, Paul says our faith is in vain. Because Jesus resurrected from the dead, we too, if we have put our faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross and have received forgiveness of sin, will experience the resurrected life. Jesus told Martha: “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26). In our final lesson of Mark’s gospel, we will see proof of this truth and thus be motivated to proclaim: “He is risen!”

**MEMORY VERSE**

*And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”*

**Mark 16:15-16**

**Read Mark 16 prayerfully.** What does the resurrection of Jesus Christ prove to the whole world? To you personally?

**HE IS RISEN!**

1. What fact had Jesus prepared His disciples to know? (See Mark 9:9-10, 31; 10:34.)

2. After the Sabbath had ended, who were the women who purchased spices? How were they planning to pour out their love for Jesus (v.1)? Did they remember what Jesus had told them?
  
3. Early the next morning as they went to the tomb, what was their immediate concern? What did they find (vv.3-4)? Who does Matthew say rolled back the stone? What was the reaction of the guards at the tomb (Matthew 28:2-4)?
  
4. Describe who the women saw as they entered the tomb. What did he say to them (vv.5-6)?  
 “Do not \_\_\_\_\_. You seek \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, who was \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_! He is not \_\_\_\_\_. See the \_\_\_\_\_ where \_\_\_\_\_ laid \_\_\_\_\_.”
  
5. What does Luke add about this encounter? What did the women remember? (See Luke 24:4-8; 9:22; also Mark 8:31.)
  
6. What instructions did the angel remind the women to do? Who did the angel name explicitly? As they went out quickly, describe how these women, who loved Jesus, were feeling (vv.7-8)? Where does Matthew tell us they were running to (Matt. 28:8)?
  
7. How does John describe the sequence of events as Mary came to the tomb? What did she presume had happened to Jesus’s body? Who did she run and tell? What was their reaction (John 20:1-4)?
  
8. As the disciples reached the tomb, what did they find as they looked closer inside? What effect did that have on the disciple who arrived at the tomb first? What did they not understand from the Scriptures (John 20:5-10)?

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
 “The role of women in this account is astonishing since Judaism did not accept the testimony of women as legally valid.”

## **MARY MAGDALENE SEES THE RISEN LORD**

9. How does Mark describe the first woman to see the risen Christ? Who does she go and tell that He is risen? Did they believe her (vv.9-10)?
  
10. Mary lingered at the empty tomb (John 20:11-16). As she peered in, what did she see?
  - a. Where were they sitting?
  - b. What did they ask her?
  - c. Describe what happened next.
  
  - d. Who was there? What did He say to her? Who did she assume Him to be?
  
11. What did Jesus say to her that opened her eyes? What did she call Him? Imagine her joy at seeing the risen Lord! What did she want to do towards Jesus? Yet Jesus had a mission for her; what did He tell her to do (John 20:16-17)?

## **JESUS APPEARS TO TWO DISCIPLES**

12. Who does Jesus appear to next (v.12)? (Also see Luke 24:13-32.)
  - a. As two friends traveled to Emmaus conversing over the events of the past few days, who came alongside; did they recognize Him? What did He ask them (Luke 24:13-17)?
  
  - b. What did they begin to expound to Jesus (Luke 24:18-24)?

- c. Whose words did Jesus refer to these two men? Who did these words point to (Luke 24:25-27)?
  
  - d. As Jesus sat down to break bread with these two men, what three things happened to them (Luke 24:28-31)?
    - 1)
    - 2)
    - 3)
  
  - e. What did they realize in their hearts at that moment (Luke 24:32)?
  
  - f. Who did they immediately run to tell (Luke 24:33-35)?
13. As the two returned from the country to the disciples, what was their response? Why did Jesus rebuke the apostles (vv.13-14)?

**PERSONAL**

Do you believe Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead personally for you? How does the truth of the resurrection of the dead bring you comfort in this life and in the life to come? (See Acts 1:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:12-19.)

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The phrase “the eleven” in Mark 16:14 simply means “the apostles,” because there were only ten of them together at that time, since Thomas was absent (John 20:19-25).

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14. Paul, formerly Saul, and Jesus’s half-brother James were skeptics (Acts 8:3, 9:1-2; John 7:5). However, both witnessed the resurrected Christ. Paul gives us more proof of the bodily resurrection of Jesus; read 1 Corinthians 15:3-9; 20-28. Write down the convincing facts.

15. Who else did the Lord specifically appear to? Why is this appearance significant? (See Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5.)

### **DIG DEEPER**

Read John 21:1-23. How do you see Jesus lovingly restore and give Peter a future work? Why is this intimate encounter so important to Peter and then to us?

### **THE GREAT COMMISSION**

16. What two commands does Jesus give to His disciples and to us (v.15)? What does Matthew 28:18-20 add?

- a. In whose authority is the believer to obey this command?
- b. What is the goal after the gospel is preached to all creation (v.16)?
- c. Finally, what is the promise Jesus gives as one goes out into the world in obedience to this command?

17. What additional promise does Jesus give His disciples then, and to us today, to carry out this Great Commission (Acts 1:8)?

### **PERSONAL**

How have you carried out this command of Jesus? What are you doing today in your sphere of influence to get the Word of God out?

18. How does Jesus emphasize the importance of believing and baptism (v.16)? (Also see John 3:18-19.)

“He does not say that if you are not baptized you will be damned. He is not saying that baptism is necessary to salvation, but that the person who is saved will be baptized. It is the rejection of Christ which brings eternal damnation. “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not on the son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him (John 3:36)”

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19. What five signs does Jesus promise to those who believe (vv.16-17)?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

### **DIG DEEPER**

In the following verses, note examples of how the five signs above were fulfilled in the early church:

- Acts 2:4; 4:8-12; 11:11-16
- Acts 3:4-9; 14:6-10;
- Acts 16:16-18
- Acts 28:3-5

### **THE ASCENSION OF JESUS**

20. How does Mark conclude his book? Where did Jesus go and what is He doing now (v.19)? What does Jesus promise and instruct (Luke 24:49)?

21. After Jesus had given His final instructions to His beloved disciples, what did His disciples do as He was taken up to heaven? Who stood by them? What promise was given to the disciples and to us (Acts 1:9-11)?

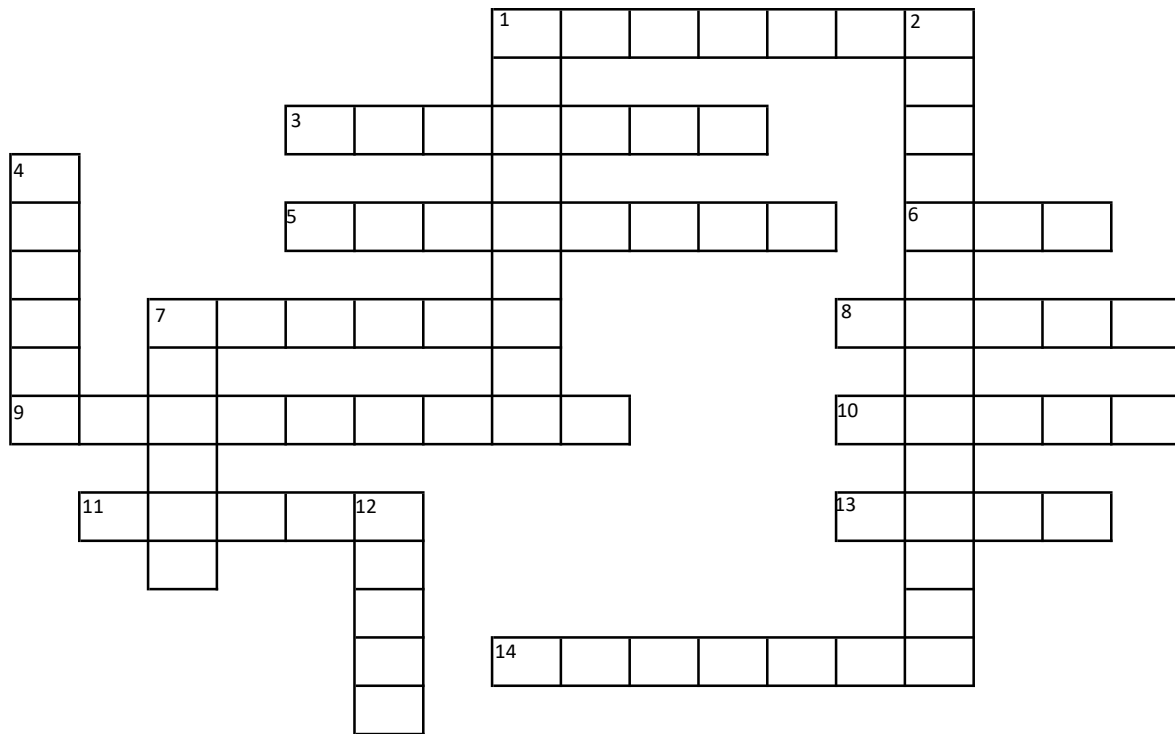
22. As the disciples went out, what did they do and how did the Lord confirm their witness?

**DWELL ON THIS**

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many”  
(Mark 10:45).

Thank you Jesus!

# Mark 16:1-20



## ACROSS

- 1) What time of day did the women come to the tomb?
- 3) What did Jesus say that believers would speak in?
- 5) The apostles were told to preach the gospel to every \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) How many disciples did Jesus appear to first?
- 7) Who came with Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of James?
- 8) What object were the women worried about?
- 9) What did the angel proclaim to the women?
- 10) Who was the angel speaking of?
- 11) Which apostle was singled out by the angel for specific "telling"?
- 13) Where were the women headed early Sunday morning?
- 14) The women were \_\_\_\_\_ when they saw the angel sitting in the tomb.

## DOWN

- 1) Who did Jesus first appear to?
- 2) What did Jesus tell the apostles to do?
- 4) What were the apostles told to do with the gospel?
- 7) What did the women bring with them to the tomb?
- 12) Which hand of God is Jesus seated at?





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