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The Gospel of Mark Mark 15:40-16:8 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

1 EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

2 EXPLORE His Word

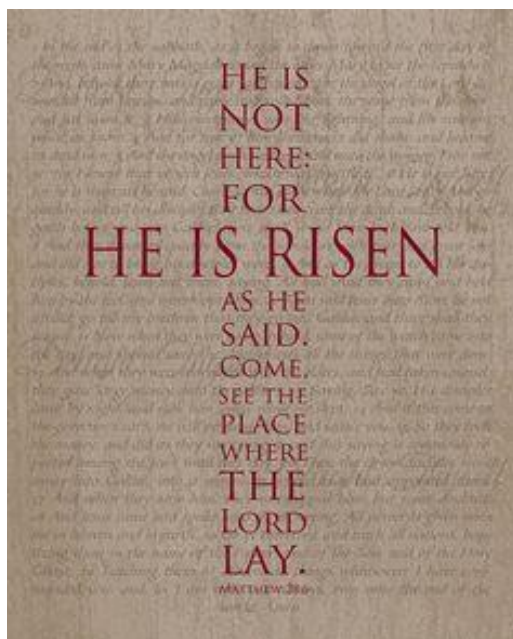
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

3 EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This is our last week on the book of Mark. We will not cover the alternative ending after 16:8 because it is not likely part of the original text. This last section of Mark is the climax of the story. Without the resurrection there is no reason to believe in Jesus as the Son of God. However, we have great reason to believe that Jesus was raised from the dead just as the Gospel's tell us He was. There is really no reason for the early Christians to make up the story. Many of them gave their lives telling of Jesus after they saw the resurrected Lord. The sacrifice that they made to spread the gospel is great evidence toward us understanding the truth of Jesus Christ. This week we will look at the whole story and the reasons that we have to stay faithful and fearless in our faith.



Mark 15:40-16:8 (NET Bible)

⁴⁰ There were also women, watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ When he was in Galilee, they had followed him and given him support. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were there too.

Jesus' Burial

⁴² Now when evening had already come, since it was the day of preparation (that is, the day before the Sabbath), ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a highly regarded member of the council, who was himself looking forward to the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Pilate was surprised that he was already dead. He called the centurion and asked him if he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵ When Pilate was informed by the centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ After Joseph bought a linen cloth and took down the body, he wrapped it in the linen and placed it in a tomb cut out of the rock. Then he rolled a stone across the entrance of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was placed.

The Resurrection

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought aromatic spices so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled back. ⁵ Then as they went into the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has been raised! He is not here. Look, there is the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples, even Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." ⁸ Then they went out and ran from the tomb, for terror and bewilderment had seized them. And they said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

🕒 EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why did Joseph of Arimathea ask Pilot for the body of Jesus?

9. Why did Mary and the other women return to the tomb on Sunday?

10. Why do you think in verse 7 the messenger says go tell the disciples “even Peter”?

11. Where will they get to see the risen Jesus?

12. Why were the women afraid in verse 8?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. How important is the resurrection of Jesus to the Christian faith?

14. How can we be sure that Jesus was resurrected from the dead?

15. How is the resurrection an important part of the story when we share the message of the Gospel?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES