



WEEK TEN

August 2, 2020

He's Alive! Now What?

Text: Mark 16:1-8

**Big Idea: The resurrection of Jesus is a historical event and has eternal implications for all of us.**

**Memory verse:** Then he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." Mark 16: 15-16

### Weekly Ministry Items

Announcements: \_\_\_\_\_

Outreach/Ministry Reports: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Time: \_\_\_\_\_

### Group Lesson Plan:

Paraphrase the Text: \_\_\_\_\_

Read the Text: \_\_\_\_\_

Facilitate Bible Study: \_\_\_\_\_

### Discussion Questions:

Icebreaker:

Our text for today points to a literal resurrection of Jesus. According to verse 1, what is the context of this account? Who were the three women identified? Where were they going and why? What was the purpose of the spices?

Verses 2 and 3 build on verse 1. Some would use verse 2 as a prooftext that Jesus was not crucified on Friday. What would you say to that? What major obstacle(s) awaited the women at the tomb? As an example to follow, how do these women model loving devotion to Christ? Have "risks and obstacles" ever dimmed your devotion and service to Christ? Read Jesus' promises in Mark 8:31; 9:31; 10:34 and 14:28. How can unbridled grief blind us to the gospel's

truth? Death did not and will not have the last word.

In verse 4, invites us into a glorious reality. What did the women see? Do you think they understood the significance of the moved stone?

No doubt the women were happy to know they could enter the tomb to anoint Jesus' body (v.5). What did they see when they entered? What was their response? Do you think their fear was justified? What clues do we find that the young man was a messenger sent from the Lord (vv.5-6)? Luke 24:4 records that there were two angels. How do we explain this apparent error to a critic? (Each gospel writer chose to highlight different details as he explained the same story just as eyewitnesses of an event today may highlight different aspects of what they saw. Mark likely wanted to emphasize the one who spoke. The unique emphasis of each gospel writer shows that the four accounts were written independently. This should give us confidence that all four gospels are true and reliable.)

Liberal theologians have attempted to explain away a literal resurrection of Christ (swoon theory, stolen body theory, to name a couple). Why is a literal resurrection vital to the Christian faith and what are some implications for us today?

In verse 7, what was the messenger's specific instructions to the three women? Why do you think he made special mention of Peter? What does this imply about the kindness and grace of God? Have you ever felt as if you've "blown it" so badly that God cannot use you? How does this account encourage you otherwise?

How did the women respond to their encounter with the messenger in verse 8? Why do you think the women said "nothing to anyone"? Has fear ever gripped your heart when attempting to share the gospel with someone? How did you deal with it? Did these women stay silent forever? As a promise to claim, can you think of any Bible promises that offer assurance when we are afraid?

**Teaching To Obey (Matt. 28:20):**

In response to God's revealed truth in your life, what action steps will you take today to obey His will? Are there:

**Sins to confess? Promises to claim? Attitudes to change? Commands to obey? Examples to follow?**

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**Our text for August 9: Mark 1: 35-38**

