

## He Is Risen!

Part 21 of The Gospel of Mark

Mark 16:1-8

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*He isn't here! He is risen from the dead!*

- Mark 16:6 (NLT)

### 1. Sometimes we face overwhelming obstacles (v. 1-3)

- The women faced Roman guards and a huge stone
- They faced doubt, worry and fear
- Yet, with love and gratitude, they were drawn to Jesus

### 2. God can overcome all obstacles (v. 4-7)

- Barriers can be moved!
- Good News outshines darkness!
- We are forgiven!

### 3. Three endings to the Gospel of Mark

- Frozen in Fear ending (v. 8)
- Good News ending (v. 8b)
- Sending ending (v. 9-20)

Conclusion: Go in the Good News that Jesus is alive!

### REFLECT (Questions to respond to this week):

- Read today's Bible passage. How is the Holy Spirit speaking to you?
- What did God do to help the women in Mark 16 overcome overwhelming obstacles?
- What obstacles are you currently facing in your life?
- How can you trust God to help you overcome doubt, worry and fear?
- What difference does it make that Jesus is alive?
- How will you respond to the empty tomb? How will your life story end?

## Scripture Reading

Mark 16:1-8 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

<sup>5</sup> When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, <sup>6</sup> but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. <sup>7</sup> Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."

<sup>8</sup> The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

### [Shorter Ending of Mark]

Then they briefly reported all this to Peter and his companions. Afterward Jesus himself sent them out from east to west with the sacred and unfailing message of salvation that gives eternal life. Amen.

### [Longer Ending of Mark]

<sup>9</sup> After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons. <sup>10</sup> She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened. <sup>11</sup> But when she told them that Jesus was alive and she had seen him, they didn't believe her.

<sup>12</sup> Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country. <sup>13</sup> They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them.

<sup>14</sup> Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. <sup>16</sup> Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned.

<sup>17</sup> These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages. <sup>18</sup> They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."

<sup>19</sup> When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. <sup>20</sup> And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.



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