



He Is Risen, He Is Not Here

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TODAY'S READING: Mark 16

Do you ever lose your keys or your cell phone? Do people in your home ever move stuff? Can you think of a moment you were in a hurry and the panic you felt when you needed your car keys? I have two people that come to mind when I cannot find something. Let's clear the air, it is almost never my wife, she does not move my stuff. I have a three-year-old who now thinks it is funny to hide my stuff. I will leave the other person nameless, but the panic usually hits when I am already late or really need to go somewhere.

Today's passage starts in verse six with the words *"Do not be alarmed."* Why would they be alarmed? What is the context? They thought they lost the Son of God's body, the Messiah. This is a pivotal point in human history. The two Mary's came to prepare the body but no body was to be found. What do they find? A young man in white sitting in the tomb telling them not to freak out. Anytime someone starts with that, you know a freak out moment is warranted. Where does this young man, an angel, say Jesus is? He is not here, He is risen.

In the midst of days that seem impossible and difficult circumstances we face, we are children of the God that sent a perfect Man to earth to die on the cross for our sins. He did not stay dead. Because God can pull off the resurrection, I feel confident He has my day and the challenges it brings. Most importantly, unlike all the other world religions our Leader, Jesus Christ, is not buried in a grave somewhere. He is not there, He is risen. Verse seven even tells us Jesus called it ahead of time. Our sin was conquered on that cross. Our old self was buried in that tomb, but now we are new people because Jesus defeated death, Satan and the grave. As you go about your day today remember the words of this old hymn, "We serve a risen Savior."

PRAYER: God, thank You for sending Jesus to die for my sins and raising Him from the dead. Help me live each day knowing I serve a risen Savior and knowing You are greater than my needs and fears.

TOMORROW'S READING: Romans 1

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