

Mark 16:1-8

The Resurrection of Christ
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The First Eyewitnesses Arrive at Jesus' Tomb

Mark 16:1-2 When the Sabbath was over, **Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome**, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen.

- > Women: Eyewitnesses to Jesus' crucifixion (15:40)
- > Women: Eyewitnesses to Jesus' burial (15:47)
- > Women: Eyewitnesses to Jesus' resurrection (16:8)

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The Empty Tomb

Mark 16:3-5 They were saying to one another, **Who** will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb? 4 Looking up, they saw that **the stone had been rolled away**, although it was extremely large. 5 Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were **amazed**.

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Jesus Fulfills His Own Prediction

Mark 16:6-7 And he said to them, %Do not be amazed; you are looking for **Jesus the Nazarene**, who has been crucified. **He has risen**; He is not here; behold, here is the place where they laid Him. 7 %But go, tell His disciples and Peter, %He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.+

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The Realization of God's Work

Mark 16:8 They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were **afraid**.

Mark 4:41 They became very much **afraid** and said to one another, %Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?+

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Applications

1. The fact of Jesus' resurrection is attested to by both the empty tomb and His post-resurrection appearances.
2. Jesus' resurrection means that we have a risen Lord who intercedes for us.
3. Jesus' resurrection is proof that His people will be raised from the dead as well.

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1. Post Resurrection Appearances

1 Corinthians 15:3-8 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He appeared to **Cephas**, then to **the twelve**. 6 After that He appeared to more than **five hundred brethren** at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; 7 then He appeared to **James**, then to **all the apostles**; 8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to **me also**.

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1. Post Resurrection Appearances

Acts 1:3 To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, **by many convincing proofs**, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

- Jesus ate with His disciples (John 21:12-15)
- Jesus and disciples touched Him (John 20:27)
- Jesus taught His disciples (Acts 1:3)

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2. Christ Always Lives to Intercede for Us

Romans 4:25 NIV He was delivered over to death for our sins and was **raised to life for our justification**.

Romans 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, **we shall be saved by His life**.

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them**.

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3. We Will Be Raised Too!

Mark 12:26-27 But regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the burning bush, how God spoke to him, saying, I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, AND THE GOD OF ISAAC, and the God of Jacob? 26 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; you are greatly mistaken.

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3. We Will Be Raised Too!

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. 21 For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming.

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3. We Will Be Raised Too!

Romans 8:1-2 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

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