

DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM

Mark 16

Memorize God's Word for the week: Mark 16:15-16.

Discuss review questions from the previous lesson.

DAY 1: MARK 16:1-8—NO SURPRISE INTENDED

1. If Christ's followers had been listening, they would not have experienced such an overwhelming sense of finality and hopelessness. How had Jesus attempted to prepare them for His crucifixion and resurrection?
 - a. Matthew 20:17-19
 - b. Mark 14:28
 - c. John 2:19-21
2. According to Paul (Acts 26:22-23), what additional reason might people have had for anticipating the resurrection of Jesus Christ?
3. When and how does it all "make sense" to the disciples? (See John 2:22 and 12:16.)

DAY 2: MARK 16:1-8—THE RESURRECTION

4. What dilemma are the women facing as they walk to the tomb?
5. Which disciple does Jesus especially want to receive the angel's message? What is likely the basis of His concern? (See Mark 14:27-31, 66-72; John 21:15-22.)
6. How does Jesus follow through on His concern? (See John 21:15-22; 1 Corinthians 15:5.)
7. How does the relationship between Jesus and Peter encourage or challenge you?

DAY 3: MARK 16:9-18—CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

NOTE: Mark 16:9-20 is not contained in the most reliable manuscripts. The Commentary for this lesson will address that issue. The other Gospel references are given if you wish to read the accounts that are in the most reliable manuscripts.

8. Identify the three post-Resurrection appearances mentioned in this section and record anything that stand out to you.
 - a. 16:9-11 (Luke 24:9-11; John 20:10-18)
 - b. 16:12-13 (Luke 24:13-35)

c. 16:14 (Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-29)

9. Why were these and other similar encounters so important? (See 1 Corinthians 15:1-8.)
10. Read the accounts in Matthew 28:16-20 and Mark 16:15-18 of Jesus' final instructions to His disciples (commonly called the Great Commission). Identify the following:
- a. the tasks of the disciples' ministry
 - b. the resources of their ministry
 - c. the effects of their ministry

DAY 4: MARK 16:19-20; LUKE 24:49-53; ACTS 1:1-11—THE ASCENSION

11. As you consider this ascension scene, record:
- a. the instructions and promises in Christ's message to the disciples
 - b. the physical and visual details surrounding His departure
 - c. the subsequent evidences of faith and obedience in the lives of the disciples

DAY 5: THE PROMISE OF RESURRECTION LIFE

12. Describe the life that is ours because of Jesus' death and resurrection.
- a. John 6:40
 - b. John 10:10b
 - c. John 11:25

DAY 6: PARTICIPATE IN CLASS

APPLY what you have learned. Jesus left His disciples with a charge: "*Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation*" (16:15). Think about how you could help to spread the gospel in (1) your neighborhood or workplace, (2) your city, and (3) the world. Write down several ideas for each category. Talk to God about your list, and choose one idea to put into practice this week.