

Bible Study Questions

He Was Raised – Mark 16:1-8

Focus

The final words of Mark's Gospel recount the historical bodily resurrection of the man Mark first introduced us to as "Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mk 1:1). The passage rings with many notes of historical authenticity. Theologically, both the victory and the grace of Jesus are declared in the good news message of the angel to the women.

Read

[Mark 16:1-8](#)

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CCNYC teaching on Mark 16 which can be found on our [website](#)

As you study this passage on your own or with a small group of others, here are some questions for study, reflection, and application.

Some Questions for Study and Reflection

(The purpose of these opening questions is to review the passage that was recently preached on in order to make sure that everyone understands the basic structure, events, people, and point of the passage.)

1. Work through some basic review questions for this passage:
 - What's the context? (Where are we in Mark's Gospel? What's recently taken place?)
 - Who are the main characters in this section? (How does Mark describe them? How do they describe themselves? What else do we know about them?)
 - Is time or place significant in the events that happen in the passage?
 - Is there a conflict or high point in this passage? (How has Mark structured this passage in order to build to that point?)
 - What was the main point or theme of this passage that was identified in Sunday's sermon?

2. What questions do you still have about this passage that you'd like to discuss?

Closing Reflection and Application

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(The purpose of these reflection questions is to help each other not just understand what the passage is saying, but to think more deeply about what it means so that we can then accurately apply it to our lives today.)

3. What are the details in this story that reveal to us that Mark is writing a piece of authentic history and not just making it up? (Consider: if you wanted to make up a story about a man being resurrected from the dead, how would it differ from Mark's account of Jesus' resurrection? Why is the difference actually evidence that Mark's account is true?)
4. Why does it matter whether or not Jesus really rose from the dead?
5. What practical difference does Jesus' resurrection make to your life? (If He didn't rise from the dead, what would be different in your life?)
6. What are some of the reasons that people today struggle with the idea of Jesus' resurrection? What do these struggles perhaps reveal about a person's view of the world and how we then might lovingly and intelligently respond to them?
7. What are the clues in this passage, including the way it ends, that the women, and Jesus' disciples in general, weren't really expecting Jesus to be raised from the dead? Why was their lack of expectation significant?
8. What do you think the women might have felt when they heard the message of the angel in verse 6? What did you think and feel the first time you heard that message, and how has your thinking and feeling about it changed over time?
9. What's significant about the angel naming Peter? What does this reveal about Jesus?
10. If verse 8 is the true ending to Mark's Gospel, why do you think he might have ended it this way?
11. What are some ways we might celebrate the wonderful fact that Jesus has triumphed over the grave?
12. What's your own response to the resurrection of Jesus?
13. How does this passage help you to love, trust, and worship Jesus more fully?