

Mark 16:1, 10-11, 12-13, 14 | The Expectation of the morning: Jesus is Dead

- There is not record of a *single person* who had expectation of a resurrection.
 - Verse 1 - The ladies that came to the tomb expected to anoint a dead body, and they were not the only ones.
 - Verses 10-11 – Those that had been with Him **mourned and wept** and **believed them not**.
 - Verses 12-13 – Those who heard the disciples on the road to Emmaus did not believe.
 - Verse 14 – The eleven **believed not them which had seen them**.
- Did they not have the information about His resurrection?
 - Mark 8:31
 - Mark 10:33-34
 - Mark 14:28
- Their problem was not one of mental knowledge, but rather of spiritual understanding.
 - John 20:9 – using the word οἶδα [oida], a word for *perceptive* knowledge.
 - Luke 18:34 –
 - using the word γινώσκω [ginosko], a word for *experiential* knowledge.
 - Also using the word συνίημι [suniami], a word for *understanding* knowledge based on the five senses.
- You and I do not have the luxury of personal experience at the tomb (seeing it empty, touching His hands, hearing His voice), but we do have the luxury of the full testimony which has proven the test of time. We can confidently say, HE IS RISEN!

Mark 16: 5-7 | A Mysterious Young Man With A Marvelous Message

- The **young man** who was **clothed in a long white garment** is an angel from heaven (as revealed in John 20:12).
- The angel has a message so exciting that he drops normal speech and speaks almost breathlessly, building up to the climax: **ye shall see him** (v. 7).
- This is an example of an “Asyndeton.”
 - From Wikipedia: “A literary scheme in which one or several conjunctions are deliberately omitted from a series of related clauses. Examples include *veni, vidi, vici* and its English translation “I came, I saw, I conquered”. Its use can have the effect of speeding up the rhythm of a passage and making a single idea more memorable.”
 - Sadly, some “scholars” use the lack of the conjunction “and” to be indication that these words were not original to Mark (who uses “and” repeatedly). Such conclusion shows their *lack of knowledge* more than their insight.

1 Corinthians 15:5-7 | Convincing Proof from Paul

- Paul speaks of the resurrection of our Lord as being **according to the Scriptures**.
 - Psalm 16:10
 - Isaiah 53:10
 - John 2:19-22
- Paul gives “names and addresses” of eye-witnesses.
 - Cephas, then the twelve
 - More than 500 at once
 - James, the brother of the Lord
 - Paul, on the road to Damascus

What Does Jesus do next?

- One of the things that is often left out of the Resurrection story is *what the Resurrected Lord did next!*
- There were 40 days between the resurrection and the ascension. During this time, we know of several appearance to the apostles and others.
- The most important passage about His ministry during these 40 days is found in Acts 1:3. Jesus spent His time, with the Apostles, **speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God**.
- Even the last question asked to Jesus related to the Kingdom of God, and shows us that they expected a physical, future, and fraternal Kingdom to be established in Jerusalem.
- After a 40-day seminar from the risen Lord, the apostles were either
 - Dense
 - Delusional
 - Dead-on

How does the story end?

- They waited in Jerusalem just like Jesus told them to do.
- The Holy Ghost came upon them, just like Jesus said He would.
- They proclaimed the Kingdom, just like Jesus asked them to do - Acts 3:19-21.
- The Jewish people, receiving (for the first time) a bona-fide offer of the Kingdom, in the power of the Holy Ghost, rejected that Kingdom time and time again. Compare, for example, Acts 6:8, 7:51, 7:60, all which relate to the ministry of Stephen, and which show the offer and rejection of the Kingdom.
- In time, God chose a man named Saul. God gave Saul a new message (and a new name!). Paul the Apostle proclaimed this new message to everyone: Acts 13:38-39.
 - This message had a sudden beginning and will have a sudden ending.
 - God will fulfill His Kingdom promises...someday. The Risen Lord will be the Reigning King!
- Today, we have the most unbelievable opportunity: to be saved *by grace, through faith, not of ourselves*.