

Calvary Chapel Cajon

Women's Bible Studies

Mark 16

Lesson 15

How thankful we should be that Mark 15 isn't the end of the story. The life of Jesus was not over. When the women came to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, they found, instead, one that would tell them *He is risen! He is not here!* The latter words would have been sad words without the good news that the reason He wasn't there, was because *He is risen!* Enjoy your study as you see those who proclaim the good news to the disciples and are met with unbelief – but again, not the end of the story – the disciples too, will join in the bearing of the good news, passing the baton to believers of all generations to *Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.*

DAY ONE: Read Mark 16

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheets and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?
2. How would you title this chapter? Record your title on the **Chapter Titles Chart**.
 - a. Consider the entire gospel of Mark. Write a title that describes the content or intent of the gospel.
3. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbols**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

God, Jesus, gospel, and believe

New to this lesson: *not believe/unbelief, tomb, and saw/seen/looked*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in Mark 16. Remember, as you mark the key words *Jesus* and *God*, to mark any personal pronouns that refer to Them.

4. Scan the many references to Jesus in this chapter. List five things revealed about Him.

5. The contrasting word *but* is used five times in Mark 16. Choose one of those times and record what is being contrasted and the significance of the contrast.

DAY TWO: Read Mark 16:1-8

1. *Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they* (Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome) *came to the tomb that they might anoint Jesus with spices* (Mark 16:1,2). According to verse 3, what was their concern?

- a. Read Matthew 28:2. What had already happened?

- 1.) Often we are concerned about things that God has already taken care of. How does this speak to you?

2. *Entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side* (Mark 16:5). What was their reaction?

- a. Using verses 6,7 record the *young man's* response and instructions by filling in the blanks.

Do not be _____. You seek _____, who was _____ . He is _____! He is _____. See the place where they _____. But go, tell His _____-- and _____ -- that He is _____ you into _____; there you will _____ Him, as _____.

- 1.) Scan through the statements above. What statement(s) remind you of the reliability of God's Word?

3. The women went out as the *young man* told them. Using verse 8, record the words that describe their emotional reaction.

- a. What other emotion does Matthew 28:8 reveal?

- 1.) How do you think they could have felt both *fear* and *joy*?

DAY THREE: Read Mark 16:9-13

1. Mark 16:9 tells us that Jesus *appeared first to Mary Magdalene*. John filled in some of the details in John 20:14-18. Jesus asked Mary, *Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking? What did Mary say to Jesus, supposing Him to be the gardener?* verses 15,16
 - a. What instructions did Jesus give to Mary in verse 17?
 - 1.) Ponder the words *My Father and your Father* and *My God and your God*. What does this mean to you that God is **your** Father and **your** God?
 - b. According to Mark 16:10,11, what was the reaction of the disciples?
 - 1.) In what ways do you think that their *unbelief* lead to their *mourning and weeping*?
2. *After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country* (Mark 16:12). Luke expands on this verse in Luke 24:13-32 teaching us of the time Jesus walked with the two men on the road to Emmaus. The men were discussing the events surrounding Jesus' death. Verse 17 tells us that Jesus asked them, *What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?* Using verses 19-21, what did they say about Jesus?
 - a. Ponder the first sentence in verse 21. What were they *hoping*?
 - b. What good news had they received, but did not believe? verses 22-24
 - 1.) How can allowing ourselves to be overwhelmed with what we believe to be bad news prevent us from hearing good news?

c. *Then He (Jesus) said to them, O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?* verses 25,26 What did Jesus do next?

1.) Why do you think Jesus used the Word of God to prove His point, rather than simply tell them or reveal to them His identity?

2.) When *their eyes were opened* (verse 31), what did they say? verse 32

a.) Describe what it is like when your *heart burns* as a result of understanding something Jesus has said.

DAY FOUR: Read Mark 16:14-18

1. *Later, He (Jesus) appeared to the eleven.* Why did Jesus *rebuke* the disciples when He first saw them?

a. Notice, Jesus did not *rebuke* them for forsaking Him on the night of His betrayal. Why do you think *unbelief* was more detrimental to Jesus?

b. In what ways are *unbelief* and *hardness of heart* related?

2. Mark 16:15 records the "Great Commission". What is it?

a. *Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you--unless you believed in vain* (1 Corinthians 15:1-2). As stated in the next two verses, what is *the gospel*?

3. Read Mark 16:16. What can the one who *believes* expect?

a. What can the one who *does not believe* expect?

b. What does John 3:16-18 say that supports this?

4. What does Luke 24:49 add?
 - a. How might Mark 16:17,18 belong with this *promise*?

DAY FIVE: Read Mark 16:19-20

1. What happened *after the Lord had spoken to them*?
 - a. Put yourself in the sandals of the disciples. What do you think it would have been like for the disciples to see Jesus being *received up into heaven*?
 - 1.) What do you think it would have been like for Jesus finally returning to His glory?
2. Jesus *sat down at the right hand of God*. Record the words from 1 Peter 3:22.
 - a. What comfort do you derive from knowing *that angels and authorities and powers have been made subject to Him*?
 - 1.) List some times that it would be beneficial to apply this truth in your life.
3. Reflect upon the final verse of Mark 16. The remaining books of the New Testament report the disciples' faithfulness to Jesus' *commission to preach the gospel*. Describe this *commission* as it relates to your life.

DAY SIX: Review Mark 16

1. In what ways are you encouraged that Jesus first appeared to women and first commissioned them to tell others that He had risen?
2. What questions or concerns might you have had if you were with the women that morning, having the intentions of anointing Jesus' body, but were not able to find Him?
3. How would your life be different if the women had found Jesus' body still in the tomb?
4. Share one thing from this lesson that has impacted you?
5. In what ways has your view of Jesus Christ changed as a result of studying this part of Mark's Gospel?

...and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age...

- Matthew 28:20

Chapter Sixteen

¹Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ²Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away--for it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷But go, tell His disciples--and Peter--that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." ⁸So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. ⁹Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. ¹⁰She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. ¹¹And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe. ¹²After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. ¹³And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either. ¹⁴Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. ¹⁵And He said to them, "*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.*" ¹⁹So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.