

***LIFE OF A SERVANT*****The Risen One****Mark 16**

*“ ‘Don’t be alarmed,’ he said. ‘You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.’ ”* Mark 16:6

**Day 1: Read Mark 16:1–8.**

1. As this chapter begins what are the two Marys and Salome planning to do? What might this imply about their understanding regarding Jesus’ promise to rise on the third day?
2. The women, out of love for Jesus, set out to go to the tomb even though a big stone is blocking the way. What impossible things have you attempted out of the love of Jesus?
3. As the women arrive at the entrance of the tomb, what does their first glance reveal? Name a “stone” in your life that you refuse to believe God can move.
4. Describe what the women see as they enter the tomb.

**Day 2: Read Mark 16:1–8.**

5. What is the angel’s message to the women? What does he specifically tell them to do?
6. Look back at Mark 9:9. Why is there no longer need for silence? Let God’s Spirit challenge your heart when you remain hesitant to proclaim the risen Christ.
7. One person is mentioned specifically as someone to tell. Who is it, and what might be the reason for highlighting him? (Reflect on Mark 14:66-72) How does this encourage you?
8. The angel tells the women to remind the disciples of a prior promise that Jesus made. What is it? (vs. 7; see also Mark 14:27–28.) What will happen there?
9. Fleeing the tomb, the women have a two-part emotional response. What is it and how does it impact their carrying out the angel’s command?

*There is question among Biblical scholars as to whether the verses after verse 8 were part of the original manuscript.*

**Day 3: Read Mark 16:9–13.**

10. What do we know of Mary Magdalene and how does it make you feel knowing that Jesus appears to her first? (Mark 15:40; 47; 16:1, 9)
11. What additional details does John provide about Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene? (John 20:11–18)
12. In what condition does Mary Magdalene find the disciples? (vs. 10) How do they respond to what she tells them?
13. What important details about Jesus' interaction with the two disciples (vs. 12) does Luke provide in his gospel? (Luke 24:13–35)
14. How might the reaction of the disciples to these two eyewitness reports have turned into a faith-filled one? (Mark 9:23–24) Relate a situation when you, like the disciples, reacted to the circumstance rather than responding with belief in the risen one.

**Day 4: Read Mark 16:15.**

15. Look back at Mark 1:15 and read the first words of Jesus in this gospel. Jesus is now commanding his disciples to “preach the good news to all creation.” (vs. 15) From your study in Mark, how would you explain this good news?
16. To what great task does Jesus call his disciples?

**Day 5: Read Mark 16:19–20.**

17. What do these few sparse words, “he sat at the right hand of God” (v.19) mean? How does this encourage you? (Hebrews 10:11–12; Romans 8:34; Ephesians 1:19b–23)
18. In what ways does the phrase, “and the Lord worked with them” (v.20) strengthen your faith and give you courage to step out boldly into the Great Commission? (Philippians 1:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:24)
19. What difference has looking at Jesus through the Gospel of Mark made in your life?