



THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Seeing Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God



Part 39

"The Resurrection of the Messiah"

4-17-22

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Main Point: The resurrection of Jesus Christ secures ultimate _____ for His people both in life and in death.

The Empty Tomb – Mark 16:1-8

- **On the first day of the week, several women who had witnessed His crucifixion and burial returned to His tomb in order to complete the preparation of His body. (16:1-3)**

Observations:

1. The intent of the women was to _____ Jesus by applying oils and ointments to His corpse.
2. Emphasis is placed on the _____ of their arrival and the logistical problem that lay ahead.
"early on the first day"
"Who will roll the stone"

Key Point: The beginning of the account emphasizes the _____ of the circumstances facing Jesus' followers in the aftermath of His death.

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Observations:

1. The women encountered a figure who seemed simultaneously to be both _____ and _____.
⇒ That this figure is described as a "young man" does not preclude it from being an angelic being (Gen. 18:1-2). The description of the figure's clothing (Mark 9:3) and his first words (Dan. 10:12) give insight into his otherworldly identity.
2. The angel affirmed them in their search for Jesus and addressed the totality of His _____.
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Observations:

1. The women's response to the angel is highlighted.

"astonishment"

"afraid"

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"they said nothing to anyone"

Key Point: Although they had believed in Jesus and seen His power, His followers were left awestruck by the the _____ of the resurrection.

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Concluding Thoughts:

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