

Week #31 of The Gospel of Mark

March 31, 2024

Coming Together

- Which of these two holidays are more important, Christmas or Easter?
- Why is "Easter" the most popular Christian holiday searched on Google? What do you think people are looking for?

Growing in Our Understanding

- 1. Read Mark 16:1-8. Why did the women go to Jesus' tomb? What did they discover? What was their reaction?
- 2. Who do you think was the young man at the tomb (Mark 16:5)? How does John 20:11-12 help us to answer this question?
- 3. What did the young man in white tell them to do? Specifically, who did he tell them to share the message with?
- 4. How did the women depart the tomb that day? Why do you think they felt this way?
- 5. Read Matthew 28:1-10. What information about the resurrection does Matthew add that Mark didn't include?

Unwrapping and Applying God's Principles

- 1. What is the significance of the stone being rolled away? Do you think it was for Jesus to get out or the women that day and for us today to see in?
- 2. What was the significance of Peter being named as someone specifically to inform about the risen Jesus (Mk 16:7)? How does Mark 14:66-72 help inform your response?
- 3. In what ways does Easter and the reality of the resurrection force someone to conclude that Jesus is either a myth or He is the Messiah?
- 4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What does this verse teach us about those who have put their trust in Jesus?

Deepening Our Hearts for God

- Read John 14:1-7? What does Jesus promise to those who trust in Him?
- How would you finish this statement: Because of the resurrection, I am...?

Looking Ahead

This week, we will jump back into our systematic study of the Gospel of Mark. Read Mark 8:34-38. Circle, underline, or highlight anything that stands out. What is the main point of the message that Jesus is now emphasizing?