



THE GOSPEL OF
MARK

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Sermon Notes

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QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: If you had to lose one of your senses, which would you choose to lose?

1. In Mark's Gospel account, women play a prominent role [Mark 15:40-41, 47; 16:1-8]. What was that role, and why was it so critical [cf. Mark 14:3-9; Luke 23:55-24:1; and John 20:1-2]?
2. Why did the women bother to go to the tomb to bring spices to anoint Jesus' body since He was already dead [Mark 16:1]? What would that accomplish now that His voice was silenced, His miracles were memories, and His kingdom was seemingly lost? What did their act indicate about them [cf. Acts 2:25-28; Romans 4:18-22; and Romans 5:1-5]?
3. Does the stone over the entrance of Jesus' tomb have any parallels to the message of salvation [Mark 16:3-4]? If so, what themes does it illustrate [cf. Daniel 6:17; Matthew 27:62-66; and Matthew 28:2]?
4. What is the complete gospel message as declared by the angel in Jesus' empty tomb [Mark 16:6]? Also consult Acts 4:10-12; Romans 1:1-6; and 1 Corinthians 15:3-8.
5. What is the message of restoration the angel gave to Jesus' followers in Mark 16:7? How does this encourage you today in your failings and shortcomings [cf. 2 Corinthians 13:11; Galatians 6:1-2; and 1 Peter 5:10]?
6. What effect does the abrupt ending of Mark's Gospel have on the story he has told of Jesus' life [Mark 16:8]? Why do you think he chose to end it so suddenly [cf. Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1; and Acts 1:8]?
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

*"The resurrection completes the inauguration of God's kingdom...
It is the decisive event demonstrating that God's kingdom really has been launched
on earth as it is in heaven. The message of Easter is that God's new world has been
unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it."*

N.T. Wright