

## The Book of Mark:

### The final Scene

*Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup> On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside. <sup>5</sup> When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, <sup>6</sup> but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. <sup>7</sup> Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died." <sup>8</sup> The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.*

*Mark 16:1-8 (NIV)*

THERE ARE TWO WORDS THAT SUMMARIZE THIS PASSAGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
AND \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then they briefly reported all this to Peter and his companions. Afterward Jesus himself sent them out from east to west with the sacred and unfailing message of salvation that gives eternal life. Amen.*

*Mark 16:9 (NIV)*

*After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons. <sup>10</sup> She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened. <sup>11</sup> But when she told them that Jesus was alive and she had seen him, they didn't believe her.*

*<sup>12</sup> Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country. <sup>13</sup> They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them. <sup>14</sup> Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.*

*<sup>15</sup> And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. <sup>16</sup> Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup> These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>18</sup> They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them. They will be able to place their hands on the sick, and they will be healed."*

*<sup>19</sup> When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. <sup>20</sup> And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.*

*Mark 16:9-20 (NIV)*

*So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. <sup>17</sup> The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants.*

*And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.  
Galatians 5:16-17 (NIV)*

*When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.*

*<sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!*

*<sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.<sup>25</sup> Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.*

*Galatians 5:19-25 (NIV)*

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

*Acts 1:8 (NIV)*

*As Paul gathered an armful of sticks and was laying them on the fire, a poisonous snake, driven out by the heat, bit him on the hand. <sup>4</sup> The people of the island saw it hanging from his hand and said to each other, “A murderer, no doubt! Though he escaped the sea, justice will not permit him to live.” <sup>5</sup> But Paul shook off the snake into the fire and was unharmed. <sup>6</sup> The people waited for him to swell up or suddenly drop dead. But when they had waited a long time and saw that he wasn't harmed, they changed their minds and decided he was a god.*

*Acts 28:3-6 (NIV)*

*Listen,” he said, “we're going up to Jerusalem, where the Son of Man will be betrayed to the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. They will sentence him to die and hand him over to the Romans. <sup>34</sup> They will mock him, spit on him, flog him with a whip, and kill him, but after three days he will rise again.”*

*Mark 10:33-34 (NIV)*

HOW IS THE RESURRECTION RELEVANT TO US?

1. IT GIVES US \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE MIDST OF \_\_\_\_\_.

*And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins...  
But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead.*

*1 Corinthians 15:17,20 (NIV)*

2. ASSURANCE OF \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_.

3. VICTORY OVER \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE.