

# THE GOSPEL OF MARK – LESSON 11

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## PAUSE & PRAY

Before diving in, pause and pray. Ask God to reveal himself to you through His Word.

## READ & RESPOND

**Read Mark 16:1-20**

- What’s your immediate response to what you read?
- Write down any thoughts, questions, concerns, statements, and surprises that come to mind. You may want to write a summary that captures what you just read.

## CONTEXT & KEY INSIGHTS

*Here, we’ll provide helpful background information and key insights to consider in coming to the text. These are meant merely to supplement your time in the Word.*

In many Bibles, verses 9-20 of the Gospel of Mark are footnoted in some way, indicating that they did not exist in the earliest Greek manuscripts of the gospel of Mark. While this may be troublesome or confusing, we have chosen to include them in this week’s lesson.

There are several arguments for including and against including them. Many very early Christian writers refer to this passage in their writings. This shows that the early Christians knew about this passage in the Gospel of Mark and accepted it as genuine. Also, the overwhelming majority of ancient manuscripts do include these verses. However, the two oldest existing Greek manuscripts (dated from 325 and 340 A.D.) do not contain this section and neither do about 100 other ancient manuscripts translated into other languages. A few ancient manuscripts put asterisks next to Mark 16:9-20 to indicate that it is an addition to the original text. What scholars do agree is that the last twelve verses of Mark were written to harmonize the Gospel of Mark with the other three gospels regardless if they were written by Mark or someone else at a later time. Therefore, we will include them in our lesson.

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## SEEK & STUDY

Our sermon series is titled, **Who Do You Say I Am?** As we look to the Scriptures, we'll keep that question front and center, helping frame all we're seeking in the Word.

1. Who visited Jesus' tomb? Why would this matter? These women were Jesus' silent followers that society would have overlooked. Look back through Mark. Where do you see people in Jesus' ministry that society would have overlooked?
2. Verse 6 tells us "He is Risen!" He was not resuscitated but resurrected. What is the difference? The fact of Jesus' resurrection is a matter of history. But what it actually means can only be understood by what the Bible tells us. Read **Romans 1:4, 1 Thessalonians 4:14, Hebrews 7:25** what does the empty tomb mean to you?
3. The angel tells the women "go tell the disciples and Peter". Why do you think Peter was specifically mentioned? Look back through Mark. What do you notice about Peter? Look back over your time spent in the gospel of Mark. How do you see God using your strengths/weaknesses for His purposes?
4. Read **Mark 16:1-20** and notice the word Believe. What do you learn from taking notice of this word in this passage?
5. The word *pisteuo* (believe) was first encountered in Mark 1:15. It means "to commit to". This word is also found in **Mark 9:23-24; 9:42; 11:23-24; 11:31; 13:21; 15:32; 16:13-14; 16:16-17**. What does this word mean to you? What do you believe (commit to) or not from your study of Mark's gospel?
6. In **Mark 16:19** we read He "sat down at the right hand of God" after ascending to heaven. In history, the one who sat at the right hand of any leader was second to him in power and influence. He acts with authority of the person on his left. What power and authority have you seen in Jesus (the one sitting at the right hand of God) in our study of Mark?
7. Jesus prophesied his rank (**Matthew 26:64; Luke 22:69**) and Paul, Peter and the author of Hebrews all speak of it. But in Acts 7 we have an eyewitness account by Stephen. Who do you say that Jesus is? And why?

## FIND & FOLLOW

Each week, we'll conclude with these two questions:

1. How did Jesus reveal more of himself to you this week?
2. From what you *found* in Christ, how will you *follow* Him now?