

Quarter Three: The Book of Mark

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Lesson 13—The Risen Lord

Sunday: Rejoicing in the Resurrection

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- **Last Week:** “Tried and Crucified”
 - Mark 15 – Jesus’ trial, crucifixion, & death

- **This Week:** “The Risen Lord”
 - Mark 15 (end) & 16 – Jesus’ burial, resurrection, appearance to others & the great commission

 - Jesus has just died
 - Veil of temple rent in two – type met antitype
 - Centurion’s declaration: “Truly, this Man was the Son of God!”
 - Hearts of disciples, devastated

 - This week: “Darkness to light”
 - Resurrection = no surprise to God – all going according to plan
 - Surprise is ours
 - Jesus had tried to tell disciples, slow of heart to believe

 - Ever questioned what you believe in?
 - Ever been in the dark and longed for the light?
 - Hard time believing the light when it came?

 - This week
 - Burial of Jesus
 - Evidence for the resurrection (certainty)
 - Women - & later others – who saw the resurrected Savior
 - Great Commission – go & tell

 - 2 sections of Mark
 - Who is Jesus? (the Messiah, the Son of God)
 - Peter – middle of book / Messiah
 - Centurion, at the Cross, Son of God
 - Where is He going?
 - To the cross to save humanity

 - Now that He’s risen, the message of who He is must go to the world

Memory Text: “But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.’” (Mark 16:6, NKJV)

The week in brief:

- 1. **Sunday:** Rejoicing in the Resurrection (Jill)

- Mark 15:42 – 16:6 – the burial & resurrection of Jesus; baptism being the NT memorial of the resurrection (not Sunday sacredness)
- 2. **Monday:** The Stone was Rolled Away (James)
 - Mark 16:1 – 8 – evidence for the resurrection of Jesus (the certainty of the resurrection)
- 3. **Tuesday:** The women at the Tomb (SQ)
 - Mark 16:1 – 8 – the women who came to anoint Jesus; revelation & secrecy motif
- 4. **Wednesday:** Appearing to Mary & Others (Ryan)
 - Mark 16:9 – 20 – women (Mary Magdalene) & others who saw the risen Lord
- 5. **Thursday:** Go Into All the World (John L)
 - Mark 16:14 – 20 – the great commission; power promised; signs accompany believers

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Mark 15:42 – 16:6

- **Burial of Jesus** (Mark 15:42 – 47)
 - **Sandwich story:**
 - **Outer story:** 3 women at the Cross when He died
 - Vs 40 – Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James & John & Salome
 - See again on Sabbath night, buying spices to anoint His body
 - Jews did not practice embalming
 - Anointing with the spices was like taking flowers to a grave in the Western world
 - Sunday am, going to the tomb
 - **Inner story:** Joseph of Arimathea, requesting the body of Jesus for burial
 - Vs 42 – “Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath.”
 - Jesus died at 3:00pm, Friday afternoon (ninth hour)
 - All gospel writers agree He died on Friday (Preparation Day)
 - Jesus rested on the Sabbath
 - Jesus’ disciples rested on the Sabbath
 - Luke 23:56 – “Then they returned (women from seeing where He was buried)...and they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment.”
 - **Takeaway #1: Jesus death didn’t abolish God’s law**
 - Veil rent in two = ceremonial laws / sacrificial system no longer needed (type / antitype)
 - Col 2:15 – handwriting of requirements that was against us, nailed to the cross
 - Also, Christ’s death fulfilled the claims of the law (substitutionary sacrifice)
 - Not God’s moral Law annulled, but the incriminating record of the sinner’s guilt was paid in full

- Vs 43 – “Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went into Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.”
 - Joseph of Arimathea = only time mentioned in Mark
 - Mark = Prominent council member
 - Waiting for the kingdom of God
 - Took courage & took a stand
 - Matthew = a disciple
 - Luke = good & just person who hadn’t consented to the decision of the Sanhedrin to condemn Jesus
 - John = secret disciple of Jesus
 - Nicodemus assisted (told in John)
 - **Takeaway #2: Jesus’ death enabled others to make a stand**
 - Routine vs remarkable (remarkable is often risky)
 - Routine = love others, be kind, gentle, & patient; study your Bible, go to church
 - Remarkable often exposes to risk – expose yourself to danger, harm or loss
 - Martyrs of early Christian Church
 - Death & resurrected Savior
 - Accept & internalize His death for me
 - Enabled to stand
- Vs 44, 45 – “Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. (45) So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph.”
 - Pilate – surprised at Jesus’ death (marveled = Gk, “astonished”)
 - Pilate investigated Jesus’ death – summoned the Centurion
 - Pilate verified Jesus’ death
 - Pilate granted the dead body of Jesus to Joseph
 - **Takeaway #3: Jesus’ death was proven**
 - Verified by the Roman centurion on duty at Golgotha
 - (James, verifying validity of resurrection)
- Vs 46, 47 – “Then he bought the linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. (47) And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where He was laid.”
 - **Takeaway #4: Following God involves sacrifice**
 - Financial sacrifice (bought the linen)
 - Nicodemus bought the spices
 - Emotional sacrifice (took Him down from the cross)
 - Time sacrifice (wrapped Him in the linen)
 - Personal sacrifice (laid in a tomb)
 - Matthew says it was Joseph’s own tomb & it was new
 - Physical sacrifice (rolled a stone against the door of the tomb)
 - Physically difficult – Matt says was a great stone

- Pilate put his seal on the stone & stationed soldiers to guard the tomb
 - #4: Following Jesus involves sacrifice
 - **Jesus' resurrection**
 - 3 women go to the tomb
 - Very early on Sunday morning, came to the tomb when sun had risen
 - Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, & Salome
 - Stone rolled away, angel inside (form of young man)
 - John 16:6, 7 – “But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. (7) But go, tell His disciples – and Peter – that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.’”
 - **Takeaway #5: Following Jesus involves testifying**
 - Angel testified to the women
 - He is risen!
 - He is not here
 - Women to testify to disciples & Peter
 - **Sunday sacredness**
 - As early as the 2nd century, Christians claimed Sunday sacredness because Jesus rose on Sunday
 - Is that what the NT teaches?
 - Baptism symbolism
 - Rom 6:4 – “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism unto death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”
 - Col 2:12 – “buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.”
 - Same power that raised Jesus from dead – quickens our mortal bodies
 - We were dead in trespasses & sins
 - Hope not just in the Christians resurrection – but in the Christian’s rebirth & transformation of character
 - **Takeaway #6: Following Jesus involves transformation**
- **Takeaways from Jesus' burial & resurrection**
 - #1: Jesus' death didn't abolish God's law
 - #2: Jesus' death enabled others to make a stand
 - #3: Jesus' death was proven
 - #4: Following Jesus involves sacrifice
 - #5: Following Jesus involves testifying
 - #6: Following Jesus involves transformation