

“He is Risen”
Mark 16:1-6
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I. Introduction

- A. I believe the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the single greatest event in all human history!
 - 1. Theologian Carl F. Henry said, “Christ’s resurrection planted the only durable rumor of hope amid the widespread despair of a hopeless world.”
 - 2. The apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15 that “if Christ be not risen...”
 - a) “Our faith is in vain”
 - b) “We are still in our sins”
 - c) “Our loved ones who have died are lost”
 - d) “And if in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable”
 - 3. But now, Christ is risen from the dead
 - 4. What happened?
 - 5. What does it mean?
- B. What happened that first Easter?
 - 1. When the women arrived at the tomb, they were greeted by three surprises:
 - a) The stone was rolled away (v. 4)
 - b) The angel was in the tomb (v. 5)
 - c) The message was the first Easter sermon (v. 6)
 - 1) The sermon has three points
 - a. The command
 - b. The assurance
 - c. The invitation

II. The Command (Mark 16:6)

- A. “And He said unto them be not afraid” (v. 6)
 - 1. Literally “stop being afraid”
 - 2. The resurrection of Jesus means the end of all our fears
 - a) What are your fears?
 - b) If Jesus lives, we need not fear
 - c) In life or in death
 - 1) Illustration (Psalm 23)
 - d) “Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death” (Revelation 1:17-18).
 - e) Are you living in fear?
 - 1) Jesus can take away your fears

III. The Assurance (Mark 16:6)

- A. Jesus was crucified
 - 1. “Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified” (v. 6)

2. Who was crucified?
 3. Why was Jesus crucified?
 - a) "...Christ died for our sins" (1 Corinthians 15:3)
 - b) His death was a substitution
 - c) The cross
- B. Jesus was risen
1. "He is risen" (v. 6)
 2. All four gospels record the resurrection of Jesus Christ
 3. Christ's resurrection was not a spiritual or metaphysical resurrection
 4. Christ's resurrection was physical
 - a) Literal, bodily resurrection
 - b) Only Jesus
 - c) (1 Corinthians 15:20)
 - d) Jesus predicted His resurrection
 - 1) (John 2)
 - 2) (Matthew 12:40)
 - e) Everything Jesus said was true (John 14:6)
- C. Jesus was gone
1. "He is not here" (v. 6)
 2. The tomb was empty (humanity's only hope)
 3. Jesus was seen alive (40 days)
 - a) (Acts 1)
 - b) To Mary
 - c) The two on the Emmaus Road
 - d) To doubting Thomas
 - e) To Paul (Acts 9)
 - f) 500 at once (1 Corinthians 15)
 4. Jesus lives and still changes lives today
 - a) Will you let Him change your life today?

IV. The Invitation (Mark 16:6)

- A. "...behold the place where they laid Him" (v. 6)
1. "Behold" is an invitation to look with contemplation
 - a) To see with understanding
 2. What does the resurrection of Jesus Christ mean?
 - a) His person
 - 1) Everything Jesus said is true
 - a. About Himself ("I am the way, the truth, the life")
 - b. About salvation
 - i. (John 3)
 - c. About Heaven and Hell
 - 2) Jesus is the object of our faith
 - b) His pardon
 - 1) Our sins can be forgiven
 - 2) "As far as the east is from the west..." (Psalm 103:12)
 - 3) (1 John 1:9)
 - 4) Your sins can be forgiven today

- c) His power
 - 1) "...that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection"
(Philippians 3:10)
 - a. Set free from sin's power
 - 2) Pardon from sin and power to live a godly life
- d) His promise
 - 1) His promise of Heaven
 - a. (John 14)
 - b. (Psalm 23)
- e) His punishment
 - 1) Jesus will one day sit on a Great White Throne (Revelation 20)
 - a. Is your name in the book?

V. Conclusion

- A. The good news is that Jesus died for your sins on the cross and He rose from the dead for your salvation
 - 1. You must put your faith and trust in Christ alone
 - a) Realize you have sinned
 - b) Repent of your sin
 - c) Receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior
 - 1) (John 3:16)
 - 2) (Ephesians 2:8-9)
 - 3) Salvation is a free gift!