



## desert breeze community church

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Easter Sunday - April 4, 2010

### Jesusology

Mark 16:1-8

#### **“Empty Tomb = Full Life!”**

How does the empty tomb of Jesus (The Resurrection) lead to a full life? The most amazing life there is this side of heaven (And that’s not hyperbole)!

“Can anything be added to the conception of being with Christ? For it must be true, as an old writer says, that he who has God and everything else has no more than he who has God only.” - C.S. Lewis

#### **How does the Empty Tomb lead to a FULL LIFE?**

Mark 16:1-8

#### **It Challenges Your Head (Intellectually):**

Have you ever judged something or someone too quickly only to have your conclusions refuted by further evidence and research? The Gospel account is factual, historical and evidential.

- Unbelief is an alternate belief that must be put to the same test as Christianity. Otherwise you lack intellectual integrity. What you will find is that it takes more faith not to believe than to believe. (Matt. 22:37; 1 Thess. 5:21)
- We know this account is history and not legend because women were the 1<sup>st</sup> eye witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (vv15:40, 41, 16:1)

Some may argue that ancient people were more open to miracles unlike us modern people.

- We know the resurrection of Jesus Christ is true because none of His disciples expected it in spite of how often He told them about it. 7b “There you will see Him just as He told you.” (Mark 8, 9, 10)

#### **It Captivates Your Heart (Emotionally):**

- The resurrection says that our sins are fully forgiven. V6b “You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.” (1 Pet. 3:18; Col. 2:13; Ps. 103:8-14)
- Religion says – “Repent so that I can love you and forgive you”. Jesus says - “I love and forgive you so that you can repent”. V7 “But go, tell his disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee.” (Eph. 2:4-10; Rom. 5:6-11)
- The bigger the screw-up the greater the grasp on grace the deeper the repentance the more qualified you are as a leader in Jesus’ movement. V7 “and Peter” (Luke 7:36-47; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; Gal. 1:13-16)

#### **It Compels Your Hand (Volitionally):**

Don’t be alarmed (v6) and go (v7)

- Because Jesus conquered sin, Satan, hell and death I don’t have to fear anything or anyone. If I fear God I will fear nothing or no one else! V6 “Don’t be alarmed.” (Rom. 8:15, 31-32; 2 Tim. 1:7; 1 John 4:18)
- Spiritual disciplines will be a priority, community (church) will be a necessity and evangelism (sharing my faith with others) will be an inevitability. V7 “Go” (1 Tim. 4:7-8; Heb. 10:24-25; Matt. 28:18-20)

### PRAYER

#### **(Laying hold of God’s Willingness)**

April 11	“Revived”	Judges 3:7-11
April 18	“Focus”	Luke 11:1-13
April 25	“Heart”	Luke 18:1-8
May 2	“Connecting I”	Matt. 6:5-13
May 9	“Connecting II”	Matt. 6:5-13
May 16	“Connecting III”	Matt. 6:5-13



# Growing

April 04, 2010

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- 1) We now come to the climax of the Gospel of Mark the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! How do you think most Americans view Easter weekend? How is your view of Easter like or unlike most Americans?
  
- 2) Read Mark 16:1-8. Have you ever judged something or someone too quickly only to have your conclusions refuted by further evidence and research? Explain. How often do you think people do that with Christianity? Why is unbelief an alternate belief that must be put to the same test as Christianity otherwise you lack intellectual integrity?
  
- 3) The Resurrection of Jesus is history and not legend for many reasons but the two we looked at in this study are the women being the 1<sup>st</sup> eye witnesses and the disciples not expecting it in spite of how often Jesus told them about it (v7b, Mark 8, 9, 10). Explain.
  
- 4) The resurrection says our sins are fully forgiven! What does that mean according to Ps. 103:8-14? Jesus says - "I love and forgive you so that you can repent". How is that different from religion? What does it mean whoever is forgiven much loves much (Luke 7:36-47)? How much were we all forgiven (Rom. 3:23)?
  
- 5) What does it mean that because Jesus conquered sin, Satan, hell and death I don't have to fear anything or anyone? If I have been challenged intellectually and captivated emotionally I will certainly be compelled volitionally. What difference will it make? Pray about it!