

The Gospel of Mark

Session 28 – August 14th – Chapter 16

v.1 When did the women buy spices? (Remember when the day begins).

Aside & the Skeptics' Easter Quiz. Yes, you need a flow chart and an intro course in logic. No, the 4 Gospels do not contradict themselves.

v.5 Who is this young man?

v.6 What do they find (receive) at the tomb?

v.7 "Just as He told you."

v.8 This is the end??

The 4 options beyond verse 8:

1. Nothing more.
2. Short ending.
3. Long ending.
 - a. Only
 - b. Following short ending
4. Something else that is lost.

The current thinking: Mark ends at v. _____

A Literary argument in favor of a v.8 ending (*Mark*, James Voelz).

A suspended ending (Genesis, Matthew, Acts, Jonah)

"There is no sight. Evidential surety does not exist. But there is a *Word*." (p.60)

The minority opinion & its strengths

The patterns of the resurrection accounts in the Gospels

The patterns of Jesus' predictions in Mark

What did the church believe & pass on?

In the canon

In the lectionaries

2nd Century Church Fathers

How do we understand "The Word of the Lord endures forever"?

Favoring the "Majority Text" is not King James Only-ism.

An even more minor opinion.

8 They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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[And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]

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9 Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week, He first appeared to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. **10** She went and reported to those who had been with Him, while they were mourning and weeping. **11** When they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they refused to believe it.

12 After that, He appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking along on their way to the country. **13** They went away and reported it to the others, but they did not believe them either.

14 Afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining *at the table*; and He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen. **15** And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. **16** "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. **17** "These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; **18** they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly *poison*, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

19 So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. **20** And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.