

**A Sign from God:** Mark 16

**The Lord Arises:**

*They were Devoted: 1 And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him.*

They lived in a society that did not value women.  
They did not receive the honor of the male disciple,  
*yet here they were.*

**They were Disciplined:**

*2 And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun.*

They came Early.

They came of their own prompting.

This was the 1st chance they could.

*Are you a 1st Chance I get? or a If I get around to it?*

*Disciple~Disciplined one*

Have we disciplined ourselves to Serve God?

Do we have to be told and Conjollod? Incentivised?

*Illus: Jesus' largest crowds were when He fed them.*

So is ours.

Because of what we know about Christ, are

Disciplined to Read, Pray, Tithe, Witness, Church?

**They were Dependent:**

*3 And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?*

They trusted the Lord to provide the help they needed.

*Do you trust the Lord to provide the help you need?*

They did not trust in their own power.

*(Ps 20:7) Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*

**They were Disconcerted:**

*4 And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.*

God had provided before they needed it (Mat 6:31-34)

Do we believe that God will & wants to meet our needs? TRUST GOD!

**They were Distressed:**

*5 & entering into the sepulchre*

They were willing to Go inside.

John outran Peter, but wouldn't go in by himself.  
(John 20-4-5)

**They received a Blessed Appearance: The Angel**

*5b they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted.*

**They received a Blessed Announcement:**

*6 And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: **he is risen;** **he is not here:***

**They received a Blessed Assurance:**

*behold the place where they laid him.*

The stepped in by faith, and then saw the truth.

Faith First, Feeling 2nd

Faith First, Blessings 2nd.

*“The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the crowning proof of Christianity. If the resurrection did not take place, then Christianity is a false religion. If it did take place, then Christ is God and the Christian faith is absolute truth.”—Henry Morris*

**They received a Blessed Assignment:**

*7 But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you.*

Go and Tell, not stay here and wait.

God has commanded us to be fishers of men, not keepers of the fish bowl!

**They were Determined:**

*8 And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.*

They were obedient by faith.

Their faith over rood their fear.

*(Matt 28:8) And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.*

They Couldn't help IT!

(2 Cor 5:7) We walk by faith, not by sight.

The Lord Arises... & **The Lord Appears:**

**The Lord Appears to the Devoted**

**Mary's Devotion Rewarded:**

*9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.*

*(Matt 5:8) Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.*

**Mary's Devotion Relayed:**

*10 And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept.*

**Mary's Devotion Ridiculed:**

*11 And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.*

**The Lord Appears to the Discouraged**

*12 After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country.*

*13 And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.*

### **The Lord Appears to the Distraught**

*14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.*

(Heb 11:6)

He had sent Mary:

He had sent the 2 to Emmaus and back:

What will it take for you?

Ho many will have to witness to you before you will believe?

### **The Lord Commissions:**

*15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

(John 17:18) *As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.*

### **The Lord Conditions:**

*16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

Do live in the Reality of Hell?

Are you Compelled to Witness? (Jn 3:18, 36)

Many will receive a gospel message, but few will identify with it in baptism.

Because they never truly received it at all.

### **The Lord Commends:**

*17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;*

*18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

The Lord Arises, The Lord Appears...&...

### **The Lord Ascends:**

*19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.*

(Acts 1:9) *And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.*

The Lord Arises, Appears, Ascends .... & ..

### **The Lord Affirms:**

*20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

Chronicled in the Book of ACTS.

Many believe that these gifts are for us today.

Many believe that we should be able to do these if we are truly spiritual.

But who are the THEY's & THEM's ?

Vs 14 *upbraided them*

Vs 15 *And he said unto them*

Vs 17 *these signs shall follow them*

Vs 18 *shall not hurt them*

Vs 19 *Lord had spoken unto them*

Vs 20 *they went forth...Lord working with them*

(Heb 2:3) *How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them (Apostles) that heard him; (Christ)*

***They were the Eyewitnesses:***

(Luke 1:2) *Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;*

(John 15:26-27) *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: 27 And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.*

(Luke 24:48) *And ye are witnesses of these things.*

**Why did the Lord Work these Miracles?**

***The Lord Witnessed through the signs to confirm the Apostles Word were true!***

They did not have the complete Bible:

(1 Cor 12:4-11) Not everyone got these gifts.

(1 Cor 12:28-31) *Best Gifts*

*"More Excellant way" is Charity*

(1 Cor 13:8-12)

vs 8 Prophecies - Same as (12:8)

Vs 8 Knowledge - Same as (12:8)

Vs 9 Know in Part, Only that which the Holy Spirit revealed unto them personally.

Vs 10 *"When that which is perfect is come"*

The Word of God in It's Entirety.

The Signs were to Confirm their word was true:

(Heb 2:4) *God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?*

So many people see occurrences as a SIGN from God.

***Are you seeking a SIGN from God:***

Here is the only sign we need.

Its Inspired, Inerrant, Infallible, Perserved,

This Book is the mind of God, the state of man,  
the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the  
happiness of believers.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding;  
its histories are true, and its decisions are  
immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it  
to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you,  
and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the  
pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the  
Christian's character.

Christ is its grand subject, our good its design,  
and the glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide  
the feet.

Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine  
of wealth, a paradise of glory, & a river of pleasure