



Mark 16:1-8

- **A Timeline of the Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus** (*Mark 16:1-2*)
 - The basic timeline of Jesus' death is 9am; 12pm; 3pm; Sunset. Why is each significant?
 - Mark 16:1 says “after the Sabbath was over...early in the morning.” What does that tell us? How much time has passed since Jesus' death on the cross?
 - Read Genesis 1:5. Why is it significant that each “day” starts with evening (darkness)? What does this tell us about God's creation?
 - In the crucifixion timeline, when does the Sabbath start and end?
 - Why do you think most Christian churches choose to worship on Sunday?
- **A Sabbath Observed** (*Mark 16:1*)
 - In Mark 6:1 the scripture says simply, “After the Sabbath was over....” What does this tell us about the death of Jesus? The faith of these women?
 - Review Exodus 20:8-11. What does God command His people regarding the Sabbath? Why?
 - What do we know about how the Sabbath relates to God's creation? Weekly observance? Annual observance during the Passover Feast? And now, God's salvation in Jesus Christ?
 - What do you think Jesus was doing during this Sabbath after the crucifixion? Why?
- **“He is risen.”** (*Mark 16:3-8*)
 - The women were worried about who would remove the stone that they might access and anoint Jesus' body. What “large stones” do you think might stand between you and Jesus?
 - They asked the question, “Who will roll the stone away for us?” Who did? Why is it significant?
 - Would you have entered the tomb of Jesus? Why or why not? What would you hope to find?
 - Upon seeing the young man they were amazed. Why might that be the case? What is his response to their amazement?
 - Compared to the women in this passage, are you seeking Jesus in the same way? Why not?
 - The young man commands the women to deliver a message to Jesus' disciples and Peter. What is that message? Why do the disciples and Peter need that message? Isn't Peter a disciple too?
 - Did the women obey this command? Why or why not?
 - The gospel of Mark records the observations of a real, physical, literal resurrection after death for Jesus. Why does this matter? Is it hard or easy to believe in literal resurrection? Why?