

# The Gospel of Mark

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## IV. Judean Period (10.1-16.8)

### B. Passion and Resurrection (14.1-16.19) (part 4)

<sup>16.1</sup>Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. <sup>2</sup>Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. <sup>3</sup>And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” <sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

<sup>6</sup>But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.”

<sup>8</sup>So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. . . .

<sup>9</sup>Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. <sup>10</sup>She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. <sup>11</sup>And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

<sup>12</sup>After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. <sup>13</sup>And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either.

<sup>14</sup>Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. <sup>15</sup>And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup>He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup>And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

<sup>19</sup>So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup>And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

A. Resurrection reported.

B. Commissioned to make it known.

C. Failure to accept/report

A. Resurrection witnessed  
cf: Mark 5.40 (Jairus' daughter raised)

B. Rejected by His own (disciples do not believe); with rebuke  
cf: Mark 6.1-6; Jesus rejected in Nazareth by His own

C. Appears again; commissions to announce the Kingdom.  
cf: Mark 6.7-12 sending the disciples 2x2 followed, associated with power to heal and exorcize demons and then by Elijah discourse.

“Take up serpents”  
Acts 28.3 – Paul on Malta or...  
Ex. 4.3-5 – Moses and Aaron's rod...

“Drink anything deadly”  
2 Kings 2.1-18 - Elijah ascends in the chariot, “where is the Lord?, **yet the sons of the prophets seek him for 3 days.**  
Vs. 19 ff – Elisha sweetens the water of the poisoned well and it remains cured to this day; the boys who mock Elisha are consumed by a she-bear.

**Next: Objections to vs. 9-20 being included in the Canon...**

## **Why the authenticity of Mark 16.9-20 is disputed...**

1. The most ancient manuscripts of Scripture omit that last 12 verses.
2. V. 9 is a dramatic and fitting ending for Mark's Gospel as is read in Church traditionally on Easter Sunday.
3. The materials in the last 12 verses seem disjoint with the rest of the Gospel.
4. This seems cobbled together from materials in other books of the New Testament. Or how do or should the Gospels relate one to another? Do valid witnesses collude with each other or are they independent? What must the Gospels have in common? Why should they often read so closely with each other? So disparately?