

“The Triumph of the Servant”
“A Journey with Jesus” — Part 27
Mark 15:42-16:20

1. The burial.

- The courage of Joseph of Arimathea.

It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). So as evening approached, Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body. Pilate was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him if Jesus had already died. When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where he was laid.

Mark 15:42-47

- The silence of Joseph of Arimathea.

Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jews. With Pilate's permission, he came and took the body away. He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night. Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. Taking Jesus' body, the two of them wrapped it, with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid.

John 19:38-41

2. The Resurrection verified.

*When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said, "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. **He has risen!** He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.*

Mark 16:1-8

The physical facts:

- There was no expectation of a resurrection.

- The stone was a problem they were not sure how to handle.
- They found the stone removed and a young man sitting in the tomb.
- They had visual affirmation that the body was gone.

The revelational facts:

*“Neither empirical facts nor intuitive knowledge
Can finally verify such truths as the Creation,
Incarnation, or the Resurrection; God sends His
Messenger to speak His Word.”*

He Is Risen!

Dr. David McKenna

- They received a verbal announcement of the resurrection.

This is the Good News! **He is risen!**
Jesus Christ is alive and our hope is not in vain.
What Mark promised in the opening of his gospel he delivers!

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God...

Mark 1:1

The prophetic facts:

- The young man in the Tomb delivers the message, Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee.
- The disciples must have remembered, over and over again, the words of Jesus from the Last Supper.

“You will all fall away, Jesus told them, “for it is written: ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

Mark 14:27-28

“But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

Mark 16:7

Application: When all the available facts are in, some people will believe and others will not. The physical facts are in. Jesus, who was crucified on Friday, is gone from the tomb on Sunday. These women who expected to find a dead body behind a stone too heavy for them to move, are eyewitnesses to an empty tomb. They are greeted with the announcement that Jesus is Risen and told to carry the message to the disciples and Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of them to Galilee.

Is this a wicked hoax, or a glorious truth?

3. The Resurrection personified. (Mark 16:9-18)

The rest of the story:

Suddenly Jesus met them, "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." Matthew 28:9-10

Seeing and Believing

- Appeared to Mary Magdalene. (John 20:11-18)
- Appeared to the women. (Matthew 28:9-10)
- Appeared to Peter. (Luke 24:34 & 1 Corinthians 15:5)
- Appeared to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. (Luke 24:13-32)
- Appeared to the disciples in the upper room. (Luke 24:36 & John 20:19)
- Jesus fed the disciples again on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. (John 21)

4. The Resurrection ratified.

After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

Mark 16:19-20

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:45

***Are you serving or are you
Expecting others to serve you?***