**He has risen!**

**Preach the gospel**

Mark 16:1-18 (Key Verse: 6, 15)

*“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……..* *He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*

1. When the Sabbath[[1]](#footnote-1) was over, what did Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome do? Why? (1) Then, very early the next day, just after sunrise, where did they go? (2) As they were approaching the tomb, what did they ask each other? (3) What does all this tell us about what the women expected to find at the tomb?
2. When the women looked up, what did they see? (4) As they entered the tomb, what did they see? (5) Why do you think they were alarmed[[2]](#footnote-2)?  What great news was declared to the women? (6) How does this message contrast what they were expecting? Why do you think the angel told the women to “see the place where they laid him?” What does all this evidence reveal about what happened to Jesus?
3. The angel said, “He has risen!” Practically, what does this mean? (Rev 1:18[[3]](#footnote-3)) How was this possible? (Ac 2:23-24[[4]](#footnote-4)) Why did God raise Jesus from the dead? (Ro 1:4[[5]](#footnote-5))? What does Jesus resurrection mean to us? (Ro 6:23[[6]](#footnote-6); 1Pe 1:3,4[[7]](#footnote-7))
4. To whom did Jesus appear? (9, 12) How did the disciples respond to the witnesses? (10-11, 13) To who did Jesus appear next? (14) What did Jesus say to them? What does Jesus’ rebuke tell us about how to respond to the resurrection message?
5. Then, what did Jesus command the disciples to do (15)? Why? (John 3:16[[8]](#footnote-8)) Do you think this command is relevant to you today? Explain. How can you obey this command? What are the consequences of believing and not believing (16-18[[9]](#footnote-9)[[10]](#footnote-10))?

1. Sabbath was over at the start of Saturday evening, but it wasn’t light enough until Sunday morning to do the work. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Alarmed: feel frightened, disturbed, or in danger. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Rev 1:18**: I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. **Acts 2:23-24:** This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, [***d***](https://biblehub.com/niv/acts/2.htm#footnotes) put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. **Rom 1:4:** who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. **Rom 6:23**: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. **1 Pet 1:3:** It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation. (NLT) [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. **John 3:16** “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (NLT) [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. **Baptism**: “A superficial reading of [Mark 16:15-16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Mark+16.15-16&t=NKJV) would suggest that sinners must be baptized to be saved, but this misinterpretation disappears when you note that the emphasis is on *believing*. If a person does not believe, he is condemned, even if he has been baptized.” (Wiersbe) “The omission of *baptized* with ‘disbelieveth’ would seem to show that Jesus does not make baptism essential to salvation. Condemnation rests on disbelief, not on baptism. So salvation rests on belief. Baptism is merely the picture of the new life not the means of securing it.” (Robertson) [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. **Signs:** Jesus gave His disciples a promise of divine power and protection. i. This promise is to be understood in the context of the dangers inherent in the worldwide spread of the gospel, as Paul was bitten by a snake and preserved on the island of Malta ([Acts 28:1-6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+28.1-6&t=NKJV)). Jesus never intended drinking poison or handling snakes to be a specific test or measure of faith. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)