

Wheelersburg Baptist Church 4/7/2024

Mark 16:9-20 “An Unusual Ending to a Message We Must Not Keep to Ourselves”

Series: *“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Mark 15-16*

I. The _____ of Jesus (9-14)

- A. Jesus appeared to _____ Magdalene (9-11).
- B. Jesus appeared to two _____ (12-13).
- C. Jesus appeared to the _____ (14).

II. The _____ from Jesus (15-18)

- A. He said to go and preach the _____ (15).
- B. He said people should _____ and be baptized (16).
 - 1. Baptism doesn't _____ a person.
 - 2. Baptism is _____ that a person really believes.
- C. He said signs of _____ would accompany those who believe (17-18).

III. The _____ of Jesus (19-20)

- A. Jesus returned to _____ (19).
- B. Jesus continues to work with His _____ (20).

Make It Personal: If we really _____, there will be evidence.

- 1. Are you living in _____ upon Jesus?
- 2. Are you living in _____ to Jesus?
- 3. Are you telling _____ about Jesus?

Community Group Discussion:

- 1. This morning we took a close look at the final verses in Mark's gospel. In many versions, we find a statement like this in front of verse 9, "The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9-20." What manuscripts are they talking about? If this passage wasn't in the earliest manuscripts, how did it end up in our English Bibles?
- 2. Take a few moments and read Mark 16:9-20. If it is true that Mark did not write this passage, how should we treat the content of Mark 16:9-20?
- 3. In verses 9-14, we read about several of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances. To whom did Jesus appear? Describe their responses. What do they have in common, and why is that significant?
- 4. What assignment did Jesus give His followers in verses 15-16? How does this version of the great commission compare to the others (use your chain reference to see how it's worded elsewhere)? How should we understand the words in verse 16, "*and is baptized*"? Is baptism necessary for salvation? If not, what is this verse saying?
- 5. To help His people fulfill the great commission, Jesus made a prediction in verses 17-20. What was it? What did He say that He would enable them to do? Why are these sometimes referred to as "sign gifts" and how we should we view them today?
- 6. The good news of Jesus is a message that we must *not* keep to ourselves. Spend some time praying for gospel opportunities this week.