



Part Ten: Resurrection

When Jesus was crucified it dashed all of the disciples' hopes. They must have thought that everything Jesus had said and done had been defeated. But, what seemed like the end of the story was actually just the beginning. What happened next was totally unexpected!

Scripture: Mark 16:1-20

Bottom Line: When you acknowledge Jesus as Lord, you experience Jesus as life.

Discussion Questions

1. On Sunday Pastor Dave talked about the potential trap that Christians can easily fall into, of imagining that God was calling us to a comfortable life. Do you agree that this is a dangerous idea? What kind of life do you think God ultimately wants for us? What are the characteristics of a life that is truly following Jesus?
2. Read Mark 16:1-20. Try to explain the emotions that each character would have felt throughout the different parts of this chapter. Can you identify with any of those emotions in your own spiritual life? What circumstances give rise to those kinds of feelings or experiences?
3. What else stands out to you in this passage? Share your questions, comments and insights with the group.
4. Why do you think that in all of the gospels, the resurrection is connected to the mission that Jesus gives to his disciples? How does that help us think about our mission as followers of Christ?
5. Have you seen Jesus in your daily life as a result of seeking to be part of his mission? What might it look like at this point in your life to refocus on sharing Jesus in words and in actions at work, in your family, with your friends, or with needy people in your community?

Moving Forward

What is one thing that you have learned from studying the book of Mark? Is there one application that you have made (or will continue to make) as a result of this series?