

Easter 2022
Mark 16:1-8

I. Intro

- A. **North Park, there is much to celebrate.**
- B. Last Year: at this time we had just voted to remodel and reconfigure the current buildings and build a new flexible use building.
- C. The remodel/reconfigure aspect is complete, the new building is now months away from completion.
- D. Last week, we had the largest attendance since covid started, but we should not get complacent. Its too little of a thing to simply rebuild to what we were...

Isaiah 49:5-6

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And now the Lord says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord,
and my God has become my strength—

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he says:

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

- E. Many of our people are serving at Share Ministry each week
- F. We have much to celebrate, and much to look forward to.
- G. The reason we are doing this? We are the church!

H. We have a message: The gospel

I. We have a story: The Resurrection!

II. Text

- A. Mark 16:1: The Sabbath had hindered the preparation, so they waited.
- B. Mark 16:2: As soon as the sun raised, they went to handle the task of properly preparing the body.
 - 1. **The process was extensive, and they disciples did not have the proper time before sabbath began**
 - 2. **So now, they were going back to properly wrap and cover the body in spices, then placing the body on a shelf in to tomb**
 - 3. **The stone was rolled in front of the tomb and usually marked after the preparation was complete so to warn people to not get too close to the tomb, as it would make them unclean and unable to worship.**
- C. **Mark 16:3-4**
 - 1. **They were heading into the necessary task without all of the details worked out.**
 - 2. **They would figure it out somehow, but they were not going to site idle.**
- D. Mark 16:5
 - 1. **They were alarmed: ekthambeo: Terror stricken**
 - 2. They were already shocked that the stone was rolled away, and now there is a person in there...alive...shocking!
- E. Mark 16:6-7

1. The Message: Jesus is not here, He has risen
2. The Mission: Go and Tell
3. The Reminder: He told you all this beforehand

F. Mark 16:8

1. They were literally shaken by that which they had encountered.
2. **The work of god shook them!**
3. This is the word from last week, Phobos, awestruck!

III. Point

A. The Message:

1. **It has been and will always be, THE GOSPEL**
 - a) We are sinners, and that sin separates us from God
 - b) We had no answer for that sin problem, but tried everything to cover the guilt and shame
 - c) Jesus died in our place, He became our sacrifice
 - d) Was buried
 - e) Was raised from the dead
 - f) JUST AS HE SAID
 - (1) Luke 24:6: Remember how he told you
 - (2) Matthew 28:6: He is not here, for he has risen, as He said.
2. **We have a message, that simply needs to be proclaimed.**
3. **We have a message that is believed by faith and brings change.**
4. **That message puts us on mission**
5. **This message needs proclamation:**
 - a) **Some messages are understood without proclamation**
 - b) **I went on a mission trip to Canada while in High School**
 - c) **Our youth minister did not tell us that the camp we were staying at did not have flushing toilets...but rather outhouses...I'm not sure how many would have gone on the trip**
 - d) **But when we went to explore the accommodations, we discovered the outhouses were extra special... 2 seater outhouses**
 - e) **The message did not need to be proclaimed, the second seat was considered occupied whenever the first seat was occupied.**
6. **Our message is way different... it needs to be PROCLAIMED**
 - a) **PROCLAIMED IN RELATIONSHIP**
 - b) **PROCLAIMED IN LIFESTYLE**
 - c) **PROCLAIMED IN PREACHING**
 - d) **PROCLAIMED CLEARLY AND EFFECTIVELY**
 - e) **IT IS OUR MISSION!**

B. The Mission:

1. **"See the place where they laid him"**
 - a) **Gain all the information you need**
 - b) Look at the truth of scripture, and the truth of life
 - c) Don't miss a thing! LOOK AT THE EVIDENCE!
2. **Go, tell the disciples**
 - a) **The first action after becoming convinced is to GO and TELL**
 - b) Their minds had to be spinning with all the things they had experienced and heard.
3. **Our mission is similar today:**
 - a) **Seek answers, become convinced**
 - b) **And then become a witness**

- c) **This has been the model, and it is still the only way to spread Christianity and give people hope.**

C. The Reminder:

1. **Jesus told them, and prepared them for that what was coming.**
 2. He then fulfilled His promise.
 3. **John 14: 1-6**
 - a) Believe in God, believe also in me
 - b) In my fathers house are many rooms
 - c) I go to prepare a place for you, and I will come again.
 4. We have all the truth, and the adventure of walking by faith. Embrace it!
- IV. Close