

Unexpected: The Gospel of the Servant King

The Resurrection of the Servant King

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Mark 15:37-16:8

Big Idea: Jesus' resurrection is historically certain and eternally significant

1. Jesus' resurrection is historically certain.

A. The Witnesses are _____.

B. The Facts are _____.

(1) Jesus of Nazareth _____.

(2) He was _____.

(3) His tomb was _____.

(a) Jesus' dead body was _____.

(b) Jesus appeared _____ to many people.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

(c) Jesus' disciples were _____
from fearful to fearless followers.

C. The Verdict is _____. Jesus rose from the dead!

2. Jesus' resurrection is eternally significant. It is a big deal!

A. Significance for your past ... Your _____ can be forgiven!

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures..."

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." **1 John 1:9**

B. Significance for the life to come ... Your _____ is bright!

C. Significance for this life ... Your _____ has meaning!

Read the Bible this year

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

- **1 Samuel 13-14**
- **1 Samuel 15-16; Luke 10**
- **1 Samuel 17-18; Luke 11**
- **1 Samuel 19-21**
- **1 Samuel 22-24**
- **1 Samuel 25-26; Luke 12**
- **1 Samuel 27-29**

Sermon questions

Mark 16:1-8

1. Which has more significance and importance, Jesus' death on the cross or His resurrection? What do each represent?

2. Read **Mark 16:1**. Imagine yourself in the women's position. What do you suppose they were thinking about all these events?

Why do you suppose the male disciples were not there at the tomb that morning (see **Mark 14:50**)?

3. Read **Mark 16:3-5**. Since Jesus could walk through walls after His resurrection (**John 20:24-29**), why do you suppose the stone was rolled away?
4. Compare **Mark 1:1** and **16:1-8**. What connections do you see between these two passages? Is there a difference between knowing Jesus and knowing about Jesus? Explain.
5. Read **Mark 16:5-6**. Why were the women alarmed when they entered the tomb? How do you suppose the women responded to the statement of the angel, "He has risen"? What significance does that fact have in your life?

6. Read **Mark 16:7**. Why do you suppose the women were told to go tell the disciples, “*and Peter*” that Jesus was alive? What do you suppose Peter was thinking at this point? What is the difference between guilt and shame? How does Jesus’ resurrection deal not only with our guilt but also our shame?

7. After listening to Pastor Brad’s message, how do you respond to **Romans 8:11** and **1 Corinthians 15:12-22**?

8. Read **1 Corinthians 15:58** and **Revelation 22:12**. How do these verses speak to your life now in connection with Jesus’ resurrection?

9. Read **Mark 10:33-34**. This is just one prediction by Jesus of not only His death, but also His resurrection (also **Matthew 16:21** and **27:62-60**). The women went to the tomb full of sorrow and unbelief because they incorrectly believed Jesus was in the tomb. Can you describe a situation when your unbelief was stronger than your faith, yet God fulfilled His promise?

10. How can Pastor Brad’s message on the hope that Jesus’ resurrection brings to us help allay some of your fears and give you hope in the midst of this current corona virus epidemic?