

## The Resurrection - Mark 16:1-20

*Topics:* Believe, Criticism, Doubt, Faith, Fear, Gospel, Heaven, Joy, Life, Miracles, Resurrection, Witnessing

### Open It

1. What is the most extraordinary event you have ever witnessed?
2. What does the saying mean, "Truth is stranger than fiction"?
- \* 3. What is one piece of news you heard today?
4. From whom do you like to hear regularly?

### Explore It

5. Why did the women go to Jesus' tomb? (16:1)
6. What question was at the back of the women's minds as they traveled to the tomb? (16:2)
- \* 7. What did the women see when they got to the tomb? (16:4)
8. Who was the "young man" in the tomb? (16:5)
9. How did the women react to the man dressed in white? (16:6, 8)
- \* 10. What did the angel tell the women to do? (16:6-7)
11. To whom did the angel want the women to tell his message? (16:7)
- \* 12. Why did the women flee from the tomb and not tell anyone what they had witnessed? (16:8)
13. To whom did the resurrected Jesus appear first? (16:9)
14. How did Jesus' disciples respond each time someone told them that He had risen from the dead? (16:11-12)
15. Why did Jesus rebuke the disciples when He first saw them? (16:14)
16. What instructions did Jesus give to His followers? (16:15-18)
17. What happened to Jesus after He was taken up into heaven? (16:19)
18. What did the disciples do after Jesus had left earth to return to heaven? (16:20)

### Get It

19. Why do you think the resurrected Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene?
20. What would you have thought and felt if you had entered Jesus' empty tomb?
21. What can we learn from this passage about the importance of baptism?
22. What is at stake when a person first hears about Christ?
23. What difference has the ascended Lord made in your life this past year?
24. In what ways has your view of Jesus Christ changed as a result of studying this part of Mark's Gospel?
- \* 25. What is the responsibility of every Christian in fulfilling Christ's command to tell others about Him?
- \* 26. What do you see as your personal role in helping spread the news about Christ?
27. How does the Lord "confirm His word" through Christians today?
28. What causes us to have a lack of faith in God or a "stubborn refusal to believe"?
29. What does it mean to have faith in God?
30. How do you celebrate Easter?

### Apply It

31. What is one concrete step of faith you can take this week in your life at work, among your family, or in your personal life?
- \* 32. What can you do this week to obey Christ's command to "preach the good news to all creation"?
33. How can you honor the resurrected Christ next Easter?