

Gospel of Mark

- ❖ Who are some people around you that need to hear about Christ? What is your plan for telling them about Jesus?
- ❖ In Acts 3, Peter and John heal a lame man and preach the Gospel. Read what happens in Acts 4: “And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.” (Acts 4:1-4 ESV)
- ❖ Would you be willing to be arrested if 5000 people came to faith? What about just 1 person? Are you willing to proclaim the Gospel if people are merely “greatly annoyed” with you?



Mark 15:42-16:8

Looking Back: Mark 15:15-41

Looking Forward: The Characteristics of a Disciple

What stuck out to you from this passage?

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Looking Deeper

Read Acts 1-4 and note the ways the disciples are different from what we see in the Gospels.

Consider these Quotes:

““If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.”

— Timothy Keller

“He, the Life of all, our Lord and Saviour, did not arrange the manner of his own death lest He should seem to be afraid of some other kind. No. He accepted and bore upon the cross a death inflicted by others, and those other His special enemies, a death which to them was supremely terrible and by no means to be faced; and He did this in order that, by destroying even this death, He might Himself be believed to be the Life, and the power of death be recognised as finally annulled. A marvellous and mighty paradox has thus occurred, for the death which they thought to inflict on Him as dishonour and disgrace has become the glorious monument to death's defeat.”

— St. Athanasius, 4th Century

Discussion Questions

- ❖ What are some ways that you have seen people respond badly when they encounter things like grief, pain, the unexpected/unknown, hostility, dishonesty/betrayal, failure, etc.
- ❖ Describe a situation where you misunderstood something or someone. What are some things that can lead to misunderstandings?
- ❖ What are some ways Jesus' death and burial affected His disciples? Why do you think they did not understand right away that Jesus was risen?
- ❖ The Holy Spirit is given in Acts 2. Read Peter's sermon from Acts 2:14-41. Discuss how Peter is different after he and the others receive the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ As a 21st century believer, we have the Holy Spirit and we have the entire Word of God, do we respond to Jesus' like the Mark 16 believers or the Acts 2 believers? When was the last time you proclaimed the risen Christ? What are some things that hold you back?