

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are concluding our series of studies on The Gospel of Mark. Today's topic: THE RISEN LORD.

**1. Early morning visit to the tomb of Jesus**

- a) Mark 16:1-3 What thoughts were going through the minds of the female disciples as they came to the tomb of Jesus on Sunday morning?
- b) Mark 16:4-7 What surprises did they experience when they arrived at the tomb where Jesus was laid?
- c) Mark 16:8 What was their initial response to the angel's announcement of the resurrection of Jesus?
- d) Mark 16:9 Who was the first follower of Jesus to meet the Risen Jesus? Which Gospel writer gives us more information regarding that meeting? (John 20:11-18)

**2. Slow to believe**

- a) What was the initial response of the other disciples to the testimony of Mary Magdalene? Mark 16:11
- b) Mark 16:12-13 Who were the two disciples who met the risen Jesus as they walked into the country? (See also Luke 24:13-35)
- c) How did the rest of the disciples gathered in the Upper Room respond to the testimony of Cleopas and his fellow disciple? Mark 16:13
- d) Why were the disciples so slow to believe in His resurrection from the dead even though He had clearly and repeatedly prophesied that He would rise on the third day? (Mark 9:31, 10:33-34)
- e) Why did Jesus rebuke His disciples for their unbelief? Mark 16:14

**3. The significance of the resurrection of Jesus**

- a) What bold declaration does Jesus make at the beginning of Revelation? Revelation 1:17-18
- b) Read the inspired testimony of Peter in 1 Peter 1:3. Why does the resurrection of Jesus give us a living hope as His followers?
- c) What inspired testimony did the apostle Paul give to Christians in Corinth about the resurrection of Jesus from the dead? 1 Corinthians 15:1-6, 12-20
- d) Why is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead such an important truth for Christians?

**4. Sharing the Good News about Jesus with the world**

- a) Mark 16:15 What instruction did the risen Jesus give to His disciples?
- b) Mark 16:16 What is the significance of baptism for professed followers of Jesus?
- c) Mark 16:17-18, 20 What assurance did Jesus give His followers of His enabling presence as they took the Gospel to the world? (See also Matthew 28:20, Acts 1:8, etc.)
- d) Mark 16:19 Where is Jesus now? (Acts 1:9-11, 7:55)

