

The Resurrection of Jesus

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 52

Scripture text – Mark 16:1-8

Introduction

- Perhaps more than any other book of the Bible, Mark offers a laser-like focus on _____.
- Today, we finish the series with Mark’s simple, brief account of the _____.

Description

- What’s remarkable about Mark’s description is what _____ included. He says _____ about the resurrection itself.
- Instead, his focus is on the women who visit the tomb.
 1. Before the angel: They’re not expecting a _____.
 2. After the angel: Mark describes them as _____ & _____.

Problem 1

- There are numerous alleged _____ between Mark’s account and that of Matthew, Luke & John.
- These alleged discrepancies can be a stumbling-block for believing the Bible is truly the _____ of _____.
- Remain _____. The Bible’s been attacked for 2,000 years and has withstood every one.
- Regarding the alleged discrepancies, “*all that is required is that the sentences used by the writer be _____*” (Dr. Norman Geisler).

Problem 2

- Another problem is the _____ & _____ of Mark’s ending. What a letdown!

- However, he began his Gospel insisting his account of Jesus' life & ministry was only the _____ of the good news about him (Mark 1:1). Thus, the story _____.
- Also, Mark has had a consistent theme; namely, the appropriate response to divine revelation, and especially the disclosure of Jesus' transcendent glory, is overwhelming _____.
- Sadly, the modern church has domesticated Jesus. We've turned him into someone we think we can _____, and even safely _____ when it suits us.

Conclusion

- For 15 months, we kept our gaze on _____. We've listened to his words and observed his actions.
- If you _____ him more today that you did 15 months ago, and this series through *Mark* has contributed to that, it's been a raging success.