

An Epilogue

Mark 16:9–20

"We are in fact the epilogue of the story..."

Into the Lesson:

Wrapping up this amazing sermon series (a round of applause wouldn't be out of line for our preachers) spend some time focusing on two very *different* scenes that were a part of this event:

As you read the following passages imagine the sights, sounds, smells and emotions from the other Gospel accounts:
Luke 22:63-65; 23:26-27- John 21:3-6-
Matthew 27:27-32-

Into the Word:

How does Mark's short ending seem to coincide with Luke's abrupt ending of the book of Acts?

Acts 28:30-31-

Are we perhaps meant to be the next chapter of Acts?

How is the truth of Lane's statement, "Mark is a theme of discipleship", further reinforced when reading the following:

Matthew 28:18-20-

Mark 16:15-

Luke 24:46-49-

John 20:21-

Lane referred to "the why" of Luke's account. How does Luke 1:1-4 provide a further platform for our continued growth in Christ?

As you read Matthew 28:16-20 focus on the KEYS that Lane provided for our direction:

A Claim only He can make-

A Command only He can give-

A Comfort only He can give

For those who may have left the story after Mark 1:22 or Luke 4:20-22 how would Jesus' claim to "All Authority" have been received?

How do the doubts, betrayal and eventual reinstatement of Thomas and Peter serve as reminders that we **don't** have to "have it all together" to serve Jesus?

Into Life:

How should we respond to those who would say, "we are just interfering in peoples' lives, let them do their own thing"?

How does II Peter 3:1-9 suggest an urgency about the message we have to share?

How might "**The Comfort only He can give**" be the ONE thing that can break through to the person who:

Has lost all hope-

Believes themselves irredeemable-

Can see NO light at the end of their endless tunnel-

Doubts a God who would even be interested in them-

What actions can we take to translate that **comfort** into hope?

How does the reality that **Immanuel, God with Us** will help us in our endeavors and empower us to be about the work of Making Disciples?

Ephesians 3:17–21

¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, ¹⁸may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's love, ¹⁹and to know Christ's love that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us— ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

This Week's Songs:

Behold Our God (Hymn #14)

If Our God Is For Us

The Goodness Of Jesus

His Glory And My Good

Humbled Heart

Anchor Of Hope

