

# The Empty Tomb

## Mark 16:1-8

*"Beneath the cross of Jesus, I faint would take my stand..."*

### Into the Lesson:

Although we can only speculate, spend some time considering what life may have been like *afterwards* for those who seemed to have had a "divine appointment" during Passion Week:

- A man and his donkey colt-Mark 11:1-6-
- A man who "answered correctly"-Mark 12:34-
- A widow who gave "all she owned"-Mark 12:44-
- A man with an "upper room"-Mark 13:12-16-
- The High Priest's slave-Mark 14:47 (see also John 18:10-11)-
- A young streaker-Mark 14:51-52-
- Simon of Cyrene-Mark 15:21-
- The centurion at the cross-Mark 15:39-

Have you ever wondered what Heaven was like during the time Jesus was on earth preparing for the salvation of the world?

### Into the Word:

How does Matthew 27:60-66 provide evidence that the Pharisees were concerned about the resurrection?

In what way does Matthew 28:11-15 further confirm the *reality* of the resurrection?

After reading John 20:1-19, contrast the actions of the Disciples with Mary and the other women who went to the tomb.

What does this say about the need for the disciples to have their "man card" checked?

How does I Corinthians 15:1-8 provide further proof of the *reality* of the resurrection?

As Sam pointed out, it wasn't just the reality of the resurrection. How does Luke 24:1-8 point to the *relevance* of the resurrection?

How does Mark 16:4-7 help to remind us that not only is the Resurrection *real* and *relevant* it is *relational*?

Review the passages Sam provided to remind us that Mark's Gospel is a, "book of Discipleship" (*relational*):

- Mark 1:1-
- Mark 4:9-12-
- Mark 8:27-30-
- Mark 9:23-24-
- Mark 10:46-52-
- Mark 15:39-

### Into Life:

Respond to this quote from Sam's sermon, "...It is an encounter with the resurrected Lord, not the empty tomb, that produces faith." - James Edwards

What are some indications that we live in a culture that seems content to live with an empty tomb rather than the reality of the resurrected Son of God?

How does the reality that Peter was a "big swing and a miss" on the night of Jesus' betrayal but went on to be the stalwart of the early church provide a sense of hope in our efforts to "make disciples" (Mt:28:18-20)?

What can we do this week to make sure we are in a frame of mind to realize a "divine appointment" to share the Gospel? What part will prayer, Bible study and fellowship play in that process?

### 1 Corinthians 1:21-23

**<sup>21</sup>For since, in God's wisdom, the world did not know God through wisdom, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of what is preached. <sup>22</sup>For the Jews ask for signs and the Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles.**

### This Week's Songs:

- Christus Victor (Amen) (Hymn #224)
- Resurrection Hymn (See What A Morning) (Hymn #836)
- I Know That My Redeemer Lives
- Amazing Love (You Are My King)
- Celebrate Jesus

