

APRIL 9TH, 2023

Resurrection Sunday

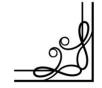
TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 16:1-8

In 1989, our dear shepherd at that time, Pastor Ron Blough, initiated our reading through a portion of the 66 books of the Bible as a congregation, typically a chapter each Sunday. Since then, we have been through the entire Bible one full time and are currently in Second Chronicles, the 14th book of the Bible. We pause our regular reading for a special Resurrection Sunday text.

TODAY'S SERVICE

- 1. Hymn #323 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
- 2. Opening Prayer & Announcements
- 3. Hymn #287 "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"
- 4. Hymn #299 "It Is Finished"
- 5. Hymn #51- "Alleluia! Alleluia!"
- 6. Hymn #325 "Christ Arose"
- 7. Reading: Pastor Jon Cardwell
- 8. Message: "A Spiceless Sepulcher"
- 9. Hymn #286 "Hallelujah! What a Savior"
- 10. Benediction
- 11. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Holy War #66; James 5



A SPICELESS SEPULCHER

The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him.

MARK 16:1, ESV

I. the Breakdown of the Chapter

- A. They Bought Spices, Mark 16:1
- **B. They Brought Spices**, Mark 16:2-3
- C. They Beheld Salvation's Power, Mark 16:4-8
- **D. The Best Solution to this Controversial Portion**, Mark 16:9-20

II. the BLESSING from the TEXT

But He answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. MATTHEW 12:39-40, ESV

The Resurrection of Our Lord

the women bought spices

- 1. anointing unprepared, Mark 16:1
 - a. fulfillment of Scripture misunderstood, Matt 12:39-40

the women brought spices

- 1. anointing unapplied, Mark 16:2-3
 - a. faithful reminder of gospel love, Mark 15:23, 36
 - b. faithful remembrance of gospel lavishness, Mark 14:3-9

the women beheld salvation's power

- 1. anointed salvation picture applied, Mark 16:4-8
 - a. full of astonishment, vv4-5
 - b. fed with gospel announcements, v6
 - c. fueled by gospel commandments, v7
 - d. fled with godly fear, v8

The Redemption from Our Lord

faith working through love, Mark 16:1 (Gal 5:6) first priority in our lives, Mark 16:2 (Eph 1:15-23) fortitude despite obvious obstacles, Mark 16:3 (Phil 4:13) fulfilled in this word from our Lord, Mark 8:34

QUOTE of the WEEK

Notice next that we have a powerful Saviour in connection with the gospel that we preach; for he who had power to raise himself from the dead, has all power now that he is raised, he who in death vanquishes death, can much more conquer by his life. He who being in the grave did, nevertheless, burst all its bonds, can assuredly deliver all his people. He who, coming under the power of the law, did, nevertheless, fulfil the law, and thus set his people free from bondage, must be mighty to save. You need a Saviour strong and mighty, yet you do not want one stronger than he of whom it is written that he rose again from the dead. What a blessed gospel we have to preach, —the gospel of a living Christ who hath himself returned from the dead leading captivity captive.

And now notice, that we have the gospel of complete justification to preach to you. We do not come and say, "Brethren, Jesus Christ by his death did something by which men may be saved if they have a mind to be, and diligently carry out their good resolves." No, no; we say Jesus Christ took the sin of his people upon himself and bore the consequences of it in his own body on the tree, so that he died; and having died, and so paid the penalty, he lives again; and now all for whom he died, all his people whose sins he bore, are free from the guilt of sin. You ask me, "Who are they?" and I reply, as many as believe on him. Whosoever believeth in Jesus Christ is as free from the guilt of sin as Christ is. Our Lord Jesus took the sin of his people, and died in the sinner's stead, and now being himself set free, all his people are set free in their Representative. This doctrine is worth preaching. One may well rise from his bed to talk about perfect justification through faith in Christ Jesus. One might as well keep asleep as rise to say that Jesus accomplished little or nothing by his passion and his rising. Some seem to dream that Jesus made some little opening by which we have a slight chance of reaching pardon and eternal life, if we are diligent for many years. This is not our gospel. Jesus has saved his people. He has performed the work entrusted to him. He has finished transgression, made an end of sin, and brought in everlasting righteousness, and whosoever believeth in him is not condemned, and never can be. [emphasis in original]

"The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus" from the text, 2 Timothy 2:8, a sermon delivered on April 9th, 1882 by Charles Haddon Spurgeon Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit Volume 28, Sermon No. 1, 653

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FAMILY READINGS			PRIVATE READINGS	
Leviticus 13	Psalms 15-16	9	Proverbs 27	2 Thess. 1
Leviticus 14	Psalms 17	10	Proverbs 28	2 Thess. 2
Leviticus 15	Psalms 18	11	Proverbs 29	2 Thess. 3
Leviticus 16	Psalms 19	12	Proverbs 30	1 Timothy 1
Leviticus 17	Psalms 20-21	13	Proverbs 31	1 Timothy 2
Leviticus 18	Psalms 22	14	Eccles. 1	1 Timothy 3
Leviticus 19	Psalms 23-24	15	Eccles. 2	1 Timothy 4
Leviticus 20	Psalms 25	16	Eccles. 3	1 Timothy 5

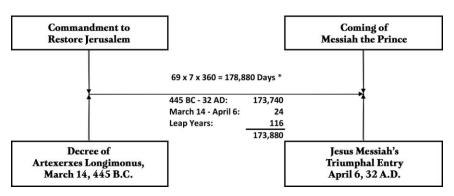
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* According to the investigative work of Sir Robert Anderson, as recorded in his book, *The Coming Prince*, first published in 1894, the very day that Jesus entered Jerusalem was exactly 483 years (173,880 days on a 360-day prophetic calendar) from March 14, 445 BC fulfilling the Scripture (**Dan 9:25-26**). He calculated that the seven sevens and sixty-two sevens were weeks of years.

Autumn 2 B.C. - Jesus was probably born around the Feast of Tabernacles (Sept/Oct). Jesus began His earthly ministry in the 15th year of Tiberius Caesar's reign (Lk 3:1). Tiberius began his reign in 14 AD, making his 15th year 28 AD. Jesus was "about thirty years of age" (Lk 3:23) because, although He was 30 years old to fulfill the start of official ministry during His humanity (Num 4:3, 35, 39, 43, 47), Jesus is also eternal God (Jn 1:1-3), and therefore was only "about thirty" years old as considered by the calculation of finite men.

Sunday, April 6, 32 A.D. - Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey, fulfilling Zechariah 9:9 (**Mk 11:1-10**); being 4 days before the Passover, fulfilling Exodus 12:3-6 (**Jn 1:29**). Jesus teaches in the temple (**Mk 11:11a**), then leaves for Bethany to spend the night with His disciples (**Mk 11:11b**).

Monday, April 7 - Between Bethany and Jerusalem, Jesus curses the fig tree for its unfruitfulness (Mk 11:12-14). He later turns over the money changers' tables in the temple (Mk 11:15-18). At day's end, Jesus and His disciples leave the city (Mk 11:19).

Tuesday, April 8 - The next morning, Christ's disciples find the fig tree withered (Mk 11:20-26). When they enter Jerusalem, the religious leaders challenge Christ's authority, but after Jesus confounds them with His logic and a parable, they leave Him for awhile (Mk 11:27-12:12); and returning, they attempt to catch Jesus in His words (Mk 12:13-34). The Lord

confounds them again and tells the people to beware of the scribes' doctrine (Mk 12:35-40). By mid-morning, after the burning of incense, Jesus teaches His disciples stewardship in seeing the widow at the treasury (Mk 12:41-44). Leaving the temple mount, Jesus and His disciples go to Olivet where He teaches of the temple's destruction and His return (Mk 13:1-37). Being two days before Unleavened Bread, the religious leaders plot Christ's murder (Mk 14:1-2). Jesus and His disciple have lunch in Bethany at the home of Simon the Leper (Mk 14:3-9); and after lunch, as the first of the Passover lambs are being slain at 3 p.m., Judas Iscariot agrees to betray Jesus (Mk 14:10-11), while the Lord Jesus sends two disciples to prepare their Passover Supper (Mk 14:12-15). All twelve are in the upper city with the Lord when they have their Passover meal; Jesus institutes the Communion ordinance (Mk 14:16-25), foretelling also of Peter's betrayal (Mk 14:26-31). Jesus prays in Gethsemane (Mk 14:32-42). Jesus is arrested (Mk 14:43-49) and His disciples flee (Mk 14:50-53). Jesus has two illegal Jewish trials at night, after which, Peter denies the Lord thrice (Mk 14:53-72; Jn 18:12-24).

Wednesday, April 9 - Jesus has a third Jewish trial at the Sanhedrin at the break of dawn to be "officially" condemned (Mk 15:1a; Lk 22:66-71), and then delivered to Pilate to be put to death (Mk 15:1b-5). During this time, Pilate had also sent the Lord Jesus to Herod for Christ's second Roman trial, but Herod sent Jesus back to Pilate (Lk 23:6-12), and Jesus received His final Roman trial with further mocking, beatings, and scourging (Mk 15:6-21). Jesus hung upon the cross at Golgotha from the third hour of the day to the ninth hour, with the darkness being over the land from noon until Christ died (Mk 15:22-41).

Wednesday night, April 9 - Passover begins at sundown, coinciding with the first day of Feast of Unleavened Bread. Christ's first night in tomb.

Thursday morning, April 10 - Feast of Unleavened Bread. No stores are open, as it is a Sabbath rest (**Lev 23:5-7**). Christ's first day in the tomb.

Thursday night, April 10 - The first day of Unleavened Bread ends at sundown, so the Sabbath is over. Christ's second night in the tomb.

Friday morning, April 11 - The second day of Unleavened Bread is not a holy convocation (not a Sabbath). The stores are open, so the women, who were not expecting Jesus to die, bought spices and cooked them up to anoint the Lord (**Mk 16:1**). Christ's second day in the tomb.

Friday night, April 11 - The weekly Sabbath begins. At sundown all stores close. Christ's third night in the tomb.

Saturday morning, April 12 - The weekly Sabbath continues. Christ's third day in the tomb.

Saturday evening, April 12 - The weekly Sabbath ends. Christ Jesus has risen from the dead! Sundown fulfills three days and nights in the grave.

Sunday morning, April 13 - The women arrive at the tomb with the spices they bought and prepared (Mk 16:1), while still dark (Jn 20:1).