

## **The Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ (Mark 15:42-16:8)**

### **I. The Effects of Jesus' Death (15:42-47)**

- Jesus' death was not without its immediate effects: love displayed on the Cross
- Supernatural midday darkness in which Jesus silently bore all our sins on the tree
- Jesus' explosive cries of victory as he gave up His Spirit left his mark on people
- The response of the pagan centurion in v39 was a picture of the Gentile world
- Some who were spiritually affected by Jesus' death: Joseph Arimathea (vv43-46)
- A prominent member of the Sanhedrin, waiting for the kingdom of God (v43)
- He was a good and upright man (Lk 23:50) he was drawn to Jesus (Jn 19:38)
- He did not consent to the Sanhedrin (Lk 23:51) but he did nothing to save Jesus
- After Jesus' death, Joseph came out risking everything, so he could bury Jesus
- Joseph understood what would happen to Jesus' body (Jn 19:30,31; Mk 15:43)
- This was dangerous: Pilate was smarting for being manipulated to crucify Jesus
- Identifying with a 'failed Messiah,' dressing a corpse during Passover (Jn 18:28)

### **II. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ (16:1-8)**

- None knew an immutable law was at work in Christ: humiliation brings exaltation
- Jesus taught it (Mt 23:12) the Bible confirms the pattern of exaltation (1 Pet 5:6)
- Jesus who upheld everything by the Word of His power suffered such humiliation
- He had been pushed down, and down, but death could not hold Him (Mat 28:2-4)
- Matthew mentions one angel, Luke, two, but Peter tells us many more (1 Pet 1:12)

### **III. The Effects of the Resurrection (Mark 16:1-8)**

- Godly women who had watched the cross, now leaving their homes in darkness
- Their mission was to wash & perfume Jesus' broken face: an act of great love
- Mark records they were worried (16:2,3) no hint they believed the resurrection
- How true to fallen nature, their labor of love was undergirded by unbelief (v4)
- They didn't know what to think: had the body been stolen? What indignities now!
- They hurried to the tomb, (v5)... they were alarmed: "agitated and terrified"
- Young man in the tomb (an angel) his clothing gleamed like lightning (Lk 24:4)
- There must have been great emotion as he spoke, "He has arisen" (Mk16:6,7)
- He is risen is a one word sentence in the original: announces greatest miracle ever
- Gospel of Mark closes with the Angels' charge & women's electric response (8)