

## Mark 16

### ASVh with Comments

**Summary.** In this chapter, there are three essential events with specific purposes given to us. 1) The resurrection of the Lord Jesus: The Lord's resurrection is the purpose of our faith. Some women are mentioned here who witnessed the empty tomb and the angel confirming to them that the Lord has risen and He will meet His disciples in Galilee. 2) The appearance of the Lord Jesus to the select ones: the purpose of the Lord appearing to some select ones after His resurrection is to strengthen their faith in the Lord. In this chapter, the Lord appeared to Mary Magdalene, two of His disciples, and the eleven disciples as they were reclining at the table. 3) The Lord Jesus gave the commission to the disciples, which extends to all that call upon the name of the Lord, to "go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation"; the purpose of the commission is to give the duty to all believers.

**16** <sup>1</sup> And when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint **Him**.

<sup>2</sup> And very early on the first day of the week, they come to the tomb when the sun was risen.

<sup>3</sup> And they were saying among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the tomb?

<sup>4</sup> and looking up, they see that the stone is rolled back: for it was exceeding great.

<sup>5</sup> And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, arrayed in a white robe; and they were amazed.

<sup>6</sup> And he **says to** them, Be not amazed: **you seek Jesus, the Nazarene**, who **has** been crucified: **He** is risen; **He** is not here: behold, the place where they laid **Him!**

<sup>7</sup> But go, tell **His** disciples and Peter, **He goes** before you into Galilee: there shall **you see Him**, as **He** said **to** you.

<sup>8</sup> And they went out, and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them: and they said nothing to anyone; for they were afraid.

**Comments Mark 16:1-8.** For Mark 16:1-8 see Comments Matthew 28:1-8, and Comments Luke 24:1-10.

#### Comparison Analysis

**Mark 16:1-2, Matthew 28:1.** See Comments Matthew 28:1. In Matthew 28:1 it tells us that Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb, while in Mark 16:1 it tells us that Mary Magdalene and Mary and Salome went with spices to the tomb, and in Luke 24:1 it tells us that they went to the tomb, and in John 20:1 it mentions only Mary Magdalene. **Q:** Why are there these differences in reporting the resurrection events? **A:** It is obvious there were more women coming to the tomb (for those that followed the Lord, See Matthew 27:55, Luke 23:55-56, and Luke 24:10), but the Gospels individually do not name them all. The way the Bible has described the resurrection events covers all that has happened. If the Lord wants to tell one certain thing only, it will not be many books in the Bible; but many things have happened in a short period of time, and the Lord compressed it out (when telling to the writers), and that is why He used more books to tell (the story) and support one another. The books will go and overlap each other, explain the same thing but from a different direction of looking at it, and when we are reading the Bible, we need to find the common point that comes out of all the Gospels.

**Mark 16:3.** We see here in this verse that these women worry about moving the stone from the entrance of the tomb.

**Matthew 28:2-6.** These verses take place between Mark 16:3 and Mark 16:4. Here we see that the women are frightened. The angel mentioned here in Matthew 28:2 is different than the men (angels disguised as men) mentioned in Mark 16:5 and Luke 24:4.

"Behold there was a great earthquake ... rolled back the stone, and sat upon it"; **Q:** How long did the earthquake and the rolling of the stone take place? **A:** This earthquake was localized at the tomb of Jesus, and all these happened very fast, which is why some Gospels did not mention this.

**Mark 16:4.** Now the women look up and see the stone rolled back and go inside. In Matthew 28:6, we are told that the angel invites them inside the tomb to see the place where the Lord laid.

**Mark 16:5.** There were two men (these are angels but use the covering of look like men, disguised as men) sitting where the Lord has laid (See Luke 24:4). When the women have come in, at first, in their eyes, they see one man, but to the other, they did not pay attention yet. Therefore, this verse tells that they concentrated on the one sitting on the right side. **Q:** What is the purpose of omitting in the Gospel of Mark that there were two men? **A:** In Mark, it has reported only one man, according to what the women saw in their first impression.

**Mark 16:6.** This confirms what the Lord has said to them before.

**Mark 16:7, Matthew 28:7.** See Comments Matthew 28:2-7. **Q:** Why does it tell in Mark “go, tell His disciples and Peter”? **A:** Remember as well, in one portion of the Bible, the Lord has told who will deny the Lord (See Mark 14:30). But the Lord did not take anger at what happened; the Lord makes sure that Peter will be called in the meeting because he is part of the disciples.

**Mark 16:7, Matthew 28:8.**

#### Summary of events happening at the tomb of Jesus until this verse

1. A group of women (the Bible names some but not all) went to the tomb of Jesus very early (towards the dawn) on the first day of the week (Sunday).
2. When they approached the tomb, there was an earthquake, and an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled back the large stone from the tomb’s entrance; this took place very fast.
3. This angel tells them to come and see the place where the Lord laid.
4. The women go inside the tomb (but we don’t know how many and who all were, or the order of going inside).
5. Inside the tomb, two men (angels, disguised as men) sat by the place where Jesus lay.
6. These men tell the women to go and tell the disciples and Peter that the Lord is risen and to go and meet Jesus in Galilee as He told them before.
7. The women went out of the tomb and fled, being frightened and amazed.

<sup>9</sup> Now when **He** was risen early on the first day of the week, **He** appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom **He** had cast out seven demons.

<sup>10</sup> She went and told them that had been with **Him**, as they mourned and wept.

<sup>11</sup> And they, when they heard that **He** was alive, and had been seen of her, disbelieved.

**Comments Mark 16:9-11** (See John 20:11-18). The events described here in Mark 16:9-11 are the same events as given in John 20:11-18.

In these verses, we are told that Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene, and she went and told: “those that had been with Him” (here we are not told who the ones that she reported the news were).

#### Summary showing that Mary Magdalene has been at the tomb more than one time

1. In Matthew 28:1-15, we have a group of two women mentioned as going to see the tomb (Mary Magdalene and the other Mary). They went after the Sabbath towards the dawn of the first day. Here the angel from heaven rolls the stone from the tomb. As they departed from the tomb, the Lord Jesus met them. Also, here we are told that there was a guard of soldiers present as well.
2. In Mark 16:1-8, we have a group of three women (Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome) going to the tomb with spices to anoint Jesus. They went very early on the first day as the sun had risen. They found the stone being rolled back. So, they went inside, and they saw one young man. Then they went and said nothing to anyone because they were afraid.
3. In Mark 16:9-13, we see that Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, and He appeared first to Mary Magdalene. Then she went and told those that were with Him.
4. In Luke 24:1-12, we have a group of women going to the tomb on the first day at early dawn with spices. They found the stone rolled back, and they went inside. They saw two men that talked to them. They returned from the tomb and told these things to the eleven apostles. In this group, we have Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary, the mother of James, and the other women.

5. In John 20:1-10, we are told that Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark. She found the stone rolled away. So, she ran to tell Peter and the other disciple.

6. In John 20:1-10, we see that Peter and the other disciple go to the tomb after Mary Magdalene tells them what she saw. They went in and then went back to their homes.

7. In John 20:11-18, we see that Mary Magdalene stayed behind after Peter and the other disciple left. She waited outside the tomb, and the Lord appeared to her. Then she goes and announces to the disciples that she saw the risen Jesus.

**Conclusion.** John 20:1 happens simultaneously as the events in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, meaning that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb for the first time with the group of women as described in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The Gospel of John tells things that have already happened; John repeats what has been told; the Lord has said to John what it should be, but John's telling is not before or after, but between the events (between Matthew 28:8 and Matthew 28:9). It is understood that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb with the group of women as described in Matthew 28:1-15, and she saw the angel rolling the stone and went inside with the other women. Then, at some point in time, she ran back to look for Peter and the other disciple, and the events related to her and Peter and the other disciple happened as described in John 20:1-18, and before the events described in Matthew 28:9-10.

These events of the resurrection described in all four Gospels are not for the unbelievers; they are for believers to think about not just by the head but by the heart as well. When the Lord has risen, the world can't accept it, but the heart that has faith will believe it. The deep faith in the heart will tell us that what the Bible says had happened to the last word.

**Q:** If Mary witnessed the rolling of the stone by the angel, as described in Matthew, and if she went inside the tomb and listened to the men, why did she believe that the body of the Lord was stolen when in fact, she was told by the angels that Jesus has risen? **A:** The fear creates doubt; now she faces both at the same time, fear from within and doubt from the mind to think; she faces both heavily, fear and doubt.

<sup>12</sup> And after these things **He** was manifested in another form **to** two of them, as they walked, on their way into the country.

<sup>13</sup> And they went away and told it **to** the rest: neither believed they them.

**Comments Mark 16:12-13.** "He was manifested in another form"; **Q:** We believe that the Lord Jesus rose in the flesh, the same body that was in the tomb rose back to life; so, what does this verse mean by saying that Jesus appeared in another form to these two? **A:** In this place, when it talks about the form of the Lord, it talks about the heavenly form that appeared. The disciples have never seen this before; that is why they could not recognize the heavenly form; this is just a blessing for them to see the heavenly form. The resurrection is entirely different than here; the resurrection goes back in human form, but in this place, Jesus appearing to these two used the heavenly form; that is a blessing for them. Think about a cocoon; in the same way, the heavenly form covers the flesh, the heavenly form just covers the outside of the fleshly body of the Lord; the flesh of the Lord never disappeared. When we all go there to heaven, we all will see His flesh because only Him will have flesh among humans.

**Q:** The Lord Jesus rose in the flesh, so what happened with the blood and the water in His body? **A:** The Lord has given all His blood to the world; that is why when anyone baptizes in the water, that person has been baptized in the blood of Jesus. When the Lord was crucified, His blood was poured out; the world will benefit, every human will benefit because Jesus' blood will never dry out because the Lord left it. His blood itself is the living soul for all humans born after that generation when the Lord was on earth. He is alive, and the blood still flows for all humans from beginning to the end; go therefore and baptize in the water, and you will receive the blood of the Lord to cover the soul as well. The heavenly body has preserved the human body of the Lord Jesus, the food for that human body is received through the heavenly body, that why it will never be decayed; when we go there, we will see His human body which is still as on the day He was on earth. You must understand as well, the cocoon when covers the Lord's body also penetrates down within; His heavenly and the flesh also become one, that is why the flesh body will continue to be alive because the heavenly becomes the water and the blood for the Lord's human body to preserve that human flesh.

No other human can keep the human body; the things the Lord created will never disappear because the beloved Son of God already has the flesh in Him. All humans will be destroyed, but only one left, which is the Lord Himself; because the Lord loves humans, He will not let all humans disappear. Elijah, Moses, and

others that the Bible mentions as being caught up to heaven are different; their flesh body was transformed to be a heavenly body, but no flesh of this earth was left; when they transformed, the human body had been destroyed, and the heavenly body replaced their human body. Because the flesh cannot be there (in heaven), but when the Lord has risen, His Spirit and Soul returned in the flesh body to be complete human alive again; there will be only one human in the flesh left in the entire universe, Jesus. The Lord's body can be there because the Lord never sinned in human flesh, unlike the others who sinned, and those bodies cannot be in heaven; only Jesus's body can.

<sup>14</sup> And afterward **He** was manifested to the eleven themselves as they sat at the table; and **He** upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them that had seen **Him** after **He** was risen.

<sup>15</sup> And **He** said to them, Go you into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation.

<sup>16</sup> He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieves shall be condemned.

<sup>17</sup> And these signs shall accompany them that believe: in **My** name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues;

<sup>18</sup> they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no way hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

**Comments Mark 16:14-18.**

**Mark 16:14.** This verse also applies not only in the past but now as well. Jesus' own disciples have not believed those that have seen Him risen. Nowadays, people will be much worse than them; even though the Lord shows miracles now, they will not believe but instead, think only that human knowledge has created all these things (miracles). And that is why we do not see miracles anymore, because the internal heart of humans has turned away from the Lord, and people believe in their own intelligence only, that are the humans now. Miracles such as the blind can see, the mute can speak, the dead raised, which the Lord performed while on earth, are beyond humans' ability because of faith; humans' lack of faith has shut down the performance of miracles by humans. It is not that the Lord does not perform miracles, but because of the human's heart that lacks faith, the miracles are not needed for those hearts, but miracles of the inner heart of having faith in the Lord are still performed each day. Miracles of mercy from the Lord we can still see.

The miracles in this place mean, for example, you saw a person that is not saved, the Holy Spirit will speak in your heart to go and talk to that person, and if you use the Word to speak to that person, the miracle of mercy will be shown to that person; the Lord will open the heart of that person to accept the mercy of the Lord and that person will be saved, because you have listened to the voice and talk to them, this is a mercy miracle. Also, you see a person that is sick; you go there, you pray and use the name of the Lord, you are the one that begs for mercy to heal the person, and the Lord will do that mercy for you because your heart has responded to the voice of the Lord. The Lord still heals today, but it is upon the person who prays; He heals because the person who prays has faith.

**Mark 16:15.** Take as is.

**Mark 16:16.** This verse is a warning for all humans, the Lord has already come down, has shown mercy for all humans, but not all have come to Him; the mercy has been shown, but not every human receives, and at the end, they will come and accuse that the Lord has not shown mercy to them, but the way to be saved has been given. The Living Word of God is the way, come read and follow and you will be saved, and go to tell the one that the Lord brings to your path and share the Living Word with them; those that the Lord brings for you, they will listen to you, but if they do not listen, it is their own fault, not yours, your duty is just to tell.

**Mark 16:17. Q:** Is this verse for today? **A:** This verse is still happening today, but you watch out between coming from the mercy of God or from testing the mercy of God. Not everyone who comes and asks mercy is because in them they want that mercy, but they want the Lord to prove Himself that He is capable of doing that; this is testing. So, watch out; many come and command God what they want God to do, and this is not right; this is testing, and it is for their own benefit but not for God's glory.

“They shall speak with new tongues”; the speaking in tongues is a gift, and it is given as a sign for the believers (See Comments John 1:33, and 1 Corinthians 14:22).

“they shall take up serpents ... no way hurt them”; watch out for the purpose, someone catches up the serpent, why do they pick it up for? Can you avoid that serpent, or are you testing the Lord? If you don't have to pick up the serpent, why do you bother doing it? You cannot do this intentionally for a show.

“they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover”; now it comes talking about having faith in the Lord; have faith with your whole heart that the Lord's mercy will come upon the person that you are involved with, and this verse will happen.

<sup>19</sup> So then the **Lord Jesus**, after **He** had spoken **to** them, was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of **God**.

<sup>20</sup> And they went **out**, and preached everywhere, the **Lord** working with them, and confirming the word by the signs that followed. Amen.

**Comments Mark 16:19-20.**

**Comments Mark 16:19.** “was received up into heaven, “; this is the act of the Father reuniting with the Son in the human body; this is the essential part of this verse, the Lord has been received up by the Father Himself.

**Comments Mark 16:20.** This verse has a clear meaning. The main point is that the disciples went out and preached everywhere and confirmed the Word by the signs.

**Life and Faith Applications.** 1) The resurrection of the Lord Jesus was real, in the flesh, and we must believe the reports of the resurrection as written for us in the Bible. 2) All Christians should follow the commission of the Lord: “go you into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.” We all can do this by praying for those called out to go and supporting them as we can. 3) As we minister to those that the Lord brings in our path, the Lord's mercy will be shown if we pray with faith from a sincere heart.