

BELIEVING AND PROCLAIMING CHRIST (Mk. 16:9-20)

July 20, 2025

TEXT—Mk. 16:9-20

MAIN IDEA—Faith in the living Christ leads to eternal hope. This hope leads to telling others about Christ.

MEMORY VERSE—Jn. 20:31

1-JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES (Mk. 16:9-14)—After His resurrection, Jesus made several appearances to His disciples encouraging and reassuring them that He was alive. Beyond the evidence of the empty tomb (**Mk. 16:4-5**) and angelic announcements (**Mk. 16:6**), the Lord gave undeniable witnesses of His resurrection to ignite faith and courage in His disciples.

>**Mary Magdalene (V9-11)**. Mary loved and worshiped Jesus, her Lord, who had previously delivered her from demonic possession. She was there at the Crucifixion of Jesus. But on this particular Sunday, the first day of the week, Jesus appears to her in a resurrected form.

Jn. 20:11-18; Jn. 10:27-28

>**Two Disciples (V12-13)**. Here another post-resurrection appearance of Jesus is told of two disciples traveling to a certain destination. Luke gives a parallel account of two disciples going to a village called Emmaus. **See Lk. 24:13-35.**

>**The Disciples (V14)**. The Lord continued surprising His disciples as He appeared to the disciples in a group setting. This was certainly undeniable to those present. Yet He appeared rebuking them for their unbelief and hardness of heart.

*Unbelief is defined as a lack of belief or faith in God and His provision. While unbelief does not hinder God's faithfulness (**Rom. 3:3**), it does affect the individual's capacity to receive the benefits of that faithfulness (Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary, pg. 1080).

Heb. 3:18-19; Mt. 13:57-58

Ps. 56:3; Ps. 62:8

Jn. 6:37-39

2-JESUS GIVES THE GREAT COMMISSIONS (Mk. 16:15-18)—Here the Lord provides the marching orders for His Apostles and all believers to build His church. **V15**—Proclaim the

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Gospel. The Lord commands His Apostles and believers in the Body of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. **Acts 1:8**

V16-Believe the Gospel. Only believers are rescued from God's wrath and brought into God's favor. Unbelievers will be condemned for rejecting Christ the Messiah (**Jn. 3:16-17**).

V17-18-Attesting signs follow believers. The signs described here were clearly seen in the lives and ministries of the Apostles in the book of Acts. The Apostle Paul demonstrated each sign (Cast out demons-**Acts 19:11-16**; New Tongues-**Acts 19:6; 1 Cor. 14:18**; Handle Serpents-**Acts 28:5**; Laying hands on the sick-**Acts 19:11-12**), except drinking poison.

1 Cor. 12:7, 9-11

3-JESUS ASCENDS TO HEAVEN (Mk. 16:19-20)—Mark ends this Gospel by stating in the simplest of terms the ascension and session (sitting) of Jesus: *'He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God (v19).'* God's right hand is the highest place of honor and power where Christ now sits until His return. Yet now His Spirit empowers His people to work until He comes. **See Acts 1:1-11.**

1 Cor. 12:13

2 Cor. 5:17-21

LET IT SHINE (Mt.5:16); WALK IN GOOD WORKS-(Eph.2:10). TELL OTHERS about the Gospel of Jesus (1 Cor.15:3-4) & your testimony.

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