

The Gospel According to Mark: Chapter 16

Verses 1 – 8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought perfumed oils so that they could anoint Jesus.

Very early, just after sunrise on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb.

They were saying to one another, “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

When they looked, they found that the huge stone had been rolled back.

On entering the tomb, they saw a young person sitting on the right, dressed in a white robe.

They were very frightened, but the youth reassured them: “Do not be amazed!

You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the One who was crucified.

He has risen; he is not here.

See the place where they laid him.

Now, go and tell the disciples and Peter, ‘Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him just as he told you.’”

They made their way out and fled from the tomb bewildered and trembling; but they said nothing to anyone, because they were so afraid.

The gospel ends here.

The Shorter Ending

Verse 9

And immediately they reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions.

After this, through them, Jesus sent forth the holy and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

The Longer Ending

Verses 9 – 19

Finally, the risen Christ appeared to the Eleven themselves while they were at table, and scolded them for their disbelief and their stubbornness, since they had put no faith in those who had seen Jesus after the resurrection.

Then Jesus told them, “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation.

The one who believes it and is baptized will be saved; the one who refuses to believe it will be condemned.

Signs such as these will accompany those who have professed their faith: in my name they will expel demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will be able to handle poisonous snakes; if they drink anything deadly, it will not harm them; and the sick upon whom they lay their hands will recover.”

Then, after speaking to them, the saviour was taken up into heaven and was seated at God’s right hand.

The disciples went forth and preached everywhere.

Christ worked with them and confirmed their message through the signs which accompanied them.