

Study of the Gospel of Mark

Chapter 16 (Part 2)

Resurrection Appearances

In the first eight verses of Mark 16 we have seen and heard evidences that Jesus is no longer dead, but is risen. But to this point no one has actually seen the risen Savior. In the following verses Mark will report appearances of the living Jesus to His disciples which confirm the previous evidence from the tomb.

1. Review Mark 16:1-8. List the "circumstantial evidence" which pointed to the resurrection of Jesus from the dead:

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____

2. Read Mark 16:9-14. List the resurrection appearances of Jesus mentioned by Mark. In the first column list who Jesus appeared to, and in the second column list a reference to another Gospel that records that appearance in greater detail.

Appearance to Whom	Supporting Witness
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. Read Mark 16:15-16. These words have been called the "Great Commission" which Jesus has given to His church. Each of the four Gospels and the book of Acts record Jesus charging His followers to "go" into all the world and "preach" the Gospel. These are recorded at different times and places during the 40 days between the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, and to different groups of people. Look up the following references and tell where Jesus was and to whom He was speaking.

Reference	Spoken to whom?	Spoken Where?
Matthew 28:18-20	_____	_____
Mark 16:15-16	_____	_____
Luke 24:46-47	_____	_____
John 20:21-23	_____	_____
Acts 1:7-8	_____	_____

4. Read Mark 16:17-18. These verses have been used by the Charismatics of our day to support their emphasis on speaking in tongues and faith healing. We have examples of most of these "signs" in the book of Acts as the followers of Jesus fulfilled the command of Jesus to make disciples of all nations. Find an example of each sign mentioned by Jesus in the book of Acts. List the reference in the second column, and the who the Lord used to perform the miracle in the last column.

Sign	Fulfillment in Acts	By Whom?
Cast out demons -	_____	_____
Speak in tongues -	_____	_____
Pick up serpents -	_____	_____
Drink deadly poison -	_____	_____
Heal the sick -	_____	_____

5. Read Mark 16:19-20. What did the followers of Jesus do?

6. What did the Lord do through them?

7. What was the purpose of the signs that God gave the followers of Jesus the ability to do?

8. Read Luke 1:1-4. The evangelist Luke was not an eyewitness of the ministry of Jesus. Luke was not the only New Testament writer who was not an eyewitness of the things they record about Jesus. The writer to the Hebrews (we don't know for sure who this was), writes that he was not an eyewitness of the life and ministry of Jesus either. Read Hebrews 2:1-4. Note how the writer puts himself in the category of those who received confirmation about the good news of Jesus by those who were eyewitnesses. Notice also that the writer to the Hebrews associates the "signs and wonders" which God gave to confirm the truth of the Gospel with "those who heard" - those who were eyewitnesses of the Savior's life, death and resurrection. How does this help us to understand the words of Jesus in Mark 16:19-20?

