

# Mark 16

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## **JESUS CONQUERS SIN AND DEATH**

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” (**Mark 16:2-3**)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the single greatest event in the history of the world. It is so foundational to Christianity that no one who denies it can be a true Christian. Without resurrection there is no Christian faith, no salvation, and no hope. (**MacArthur**)

These women proved themselves to be the most devoted followers of Jesus, and they were the first to proclaim His resurrection. The women were not expecting to find an empty tomb. They came wondering how the stone door would be opened. This shows that the resurrection accounts cannot be the product of wishful thinking. The disciples of Jesus did not expect it to happen. **Matthew 27:65-66** reminds us that there was a guard set around the tomb. All this shows that the stone could not have been rolled away by the women (they were not strong enough) or by the disciples (even if they were brave enough, they could not overcome the armed guards). We also understand that no one else wanted to roll away the stone. **Matthew 28:2** tells us that it was an angel who rolled it away.

There are several examples in the Bible of people being resuscitated before this, such as the widow’s son in the days of Elijah (**1 Kings 17:17-24**) and Lazarus (**John 11:38-44**). Each of these was resuscitated from death, but none of them were resurrected. Each of them was raised in the same body they died in and raised from the dead to eventually die again. Resurrection isn’t just living again; it is living again in a new body, based on our old body, perfectly suited for life in eternity. Jesus was not the first one brought back from the dead, but He was the first one resurrected. We should also say that Jesus still is risen. He ascended into heaven and continues to reign as resurrected man, still fully man and fully God. (**Guzik**)

**He is risen!** The fact of Jesus’ resurrection is a matter of history. What it means can only be understood by what the Bible tells us. Therefore, it is important to consider what the empty tomb of Jesus and His resurrection means.

- The resurrection means that Jesus was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead

**(Romans 1:4).**

- The resurrection means that we have assurance of our own resurrection: For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus (**1 Thessalonians 4:14**).
- The resurrection means that God has an eternal plan for these bodies of ours.
- The resurrection means that Jesus has a continuing ministry: He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He ever lives to make intercession for them (**Hebrews 7:25**).
- The resurrection means that Christianity and its God are unique and completely different and unique among world religions.
- The resurrection proves that though it looked like Jesus died on the cross like a common criminal He actually died as a sinless man, out of love and self-sacrifice to bear the guilt of our sin. The death of Jesus on the cross was the payment, but the resurrection was the receipt, showing that the payment was perfect in the sight of God the Father.

Lord, may you be glorified today. You are the God who has been drawing, is now drawing, and until the final judgment, will continue to draw sinful men and women back to Yourself to restore the world that sin has corrupted. All this is for the purpose of bringing glory to Yourself.

HAPPY RESSURRECTION DAY!