

**Mark 16:1-8**  
**Further Up and Further In!**  
**January 6, 2026**

1. Review
  - a. We looked at all the suffering Jesus endured leading up to and through the cross, all the way to His death. Our emphasis was upon one simple phrase: **He chose this for me (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)**.
  - b. We learned what happened at the cross: substitutionary atonement, clarifying its meaning through three words:
    - i. Redemption
    - ii. Propitiation
    - iii. Reconciliation
  - c. We ended by talking about God's plan for us, to make us like Jesus. We are going to explore that further today as we look at Jesus' resurrection.
2. Read Mark 16:1-8 and pray.
3. Why are we stopping at Mark 16:8? Brief discussion about Mark 16:9ff.
4. The historical evidence for the resurrection.
  - a. We do not have time to cover the overwhelming evidence proving Jesus lived as the Bible says, died as it says, and rose again.
  - b. The evidence, however, makes Jesus' resurrection one of the most well-documented events in human history.
  - c. Two books
    - i. The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel
    - ii. More Than a Carpenter by Josh McDowell
5. The importance of the resurrection in our lives:
  - a. It proved Jesus' claims

He [Jesus Christ] who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification. (Romans 4:25)

For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. (1 Corinthians 15:16-19)

- b. We can't stop there! Look at 1 Corinthians 15:20–But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep.
- c. The resurrection shows us what we will be like. (1 Corinthians 15; 1 John 3:1-2)
- d. The resurrection shows the pattern for our new life.

I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (John 10:9-10)

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness

of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, 6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.

(Romans 6:3-7)

- e. The resurrection provides a measure of the power at work in us. Ephesians 1:18-20

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.

- 6. Summary: What is God's plan for us who are in Christ Jesus?

- a. Bring us back into the right relationship with God and restore us to live as we were designed to live
- b. Through Jesus' substitutionary atonement on the cross, we who are in Christ
  - i. The penalty for our sin has been paid. (redemption).
  - ii. God's wrath toward us has been appeased (propitiation).
  - iii. Our relationship with God has been restored (reconciliation)
- c. New LIFE, to be like Jesus (Ephesians 4) Philippians 3:7-11

But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.