

“The Stone Was Rolled Away”

Mark 16:1-8

Central Idea: The news of Jesus Christ’s resurrection is true and must be shared.

I. The Women’s Plan (1-2)

- Anoint Jesus’ body with spices to honor Him
 - Arrive at sunrise to do this as soon as possible
- Ultimately this is unnecessary

II. The Women’s Problem (3)

- A large stone has been rolled in front of the tomb
 - The women will not be able to move it on their own
- This is their focus as they near the tomb

III. The Women’s Surprise (4-5)

- That the stone has been rolled away
 - Despite it’s large size
 - Their concern about this problem was unnecessary
- That there is a “young man” in white sitting in the tomb
 - This is not an ordinary person, but an angel
 - They are amazed by this
 - “Amazed” - expresses overwhelming distress at something highly unusual

IV. The Angel’s Proclamation (6-7)

- Introduction
 - “Don’t be amazed” = Don’t be overwhelmed or distressed

• Information

- What they are doing
 - Looking for Jesus
- What has happened
 - Jesus has been raised from the dead
 - Shows them where Jesus’ body was laid
- Confirms that the one who was crucified is the one who has been raised

• Instruction

- Go tell the disciples and Peter that they will see Jesus in Galilee as He promised (Mark 14:28)
- Peter is singled out because of his denials of Jesus
 - Despite his actions he is still a disciple
- The women are to go and proclaim the good news they’ve witnessed

V. The Women’s Response (8)

- They Flee
 - Terrified and Bewildered
- They don’t tell anyone
 - Because they are afraid
- These women are the first human messengers of the resurrection news

Application:

- What are you going to do with the news of the resurrection?
- Do you believe this news?
 - If so, how can you keep silent?
 - This is news that must be shared