

Eastridge Church
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 51: It's Always Been the Gospel

Passage: Mark 15:40-16:8



Conversation Starter:

Share something that has stood out to you about the Gospel of Mark over the course of the past year.

Re-read Mark 15:40-16:8

At the beginning of the sermon, Pastor Dwain said, “The ‘one thing after another’ moments have an amazing way of clarifying the power of the gospel.” *In your own words, why is this true? How have you seen this be true during the “one thing after another” days of 2020?*

We see that Joseph of Arimathea steps forward boldly to ask for Jesus body. This is something that opened him up to significant risk as it showed his support for Jesus and his disapproval of what his fellow religious leaders had instigated. *What does it look like to be bold for Jesus in our current culture? What are the potential risks we might face? Do you have an example of a time that you or someone that you know stepped up with boldness for their faith?*

All the gospel accounts are clear that women are the first to go to the tomb and encounter the resurrected Jesus. *Why is it so unique that the gospel accounts would credit mostly women as the most resilient disciples and first witnesses of his resurrection? What do you think this fact has to say about the way God grows His kingdom?*

The earliest manuscripts of Mark end at verse 8. For many readers, this can seem like a very strange and unsatisfying ending. An ending that seems suspended or leaves the reader hanging. *What encouraging reason did Pastor Dwain point to for why Mark’s gospel account ends in this way? Why would this be especially encouraging to us and the on-going Christ-centered church?*

Close your time in prayer. Thank God for the incredible gift of Jesus. Thank Him for making a relationship with Him possible again, and for the clear example we have to follow in Jesus. Pray that God would help you to recognize when He is asking you to be bold for Him and to have the strength to be His hands and feet to those in need around you.