

Today:
April 5, 2015

Scripture Focus: Mark 16:1-8

Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.

⁵When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, ⁶but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. ⁷Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."

⁸The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

(Mark 16:1-8, New Living Translation)

Notes from Worship:

How did God catch your attention? To what is God calling you this week?

Questions for Discussion:

- Why do you think Mark does not have a resurrected Jesus appear to anyone?
- Is it easier or harder for you to relate to an Easter morning story that ends with the hanging emotions of Mark's Gospel (without the less reliable other endings?)
- What is your favorite part of the Easter morning story?

This Week: **April 6-11**

Scripture Readings:

Monday 4/6	Tuesday 4/7	Wednesday 4/8	Thursday 4/9	Friday 4/10	Saturday 4/11
Habakkuk 1-3	Joel 1-3	Jeremiah 1-4	Jeremiah 5-8	Jeremiah 9-12	Jeremiah 13-16

Questions for Reflection:

These questions are meant to help get you thinking about the readings for each day. Feel free to also use this space to jot down other questions and insights gleaned from your reading.

Monday

How is Habakkuk 2:20 a pivotal verse in the book of Habakkuk?

Tuesday

What is the significance of God's judgement being described as an invasion of locusts?

Wednesday

What do you find significant in the story of the call of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1)?

Thursday

What jumps out to you in these chapters? Where is the hope?

Friday

How is Jeremiah 9:23-24 central to God's message through the prophet Jeremiah? What catches your attention about the ways that Jeremiah speaks to God?

Saturday

In what ways do you recognize God's hope for restoration even in these chapters describing judgment?

Taking Scripture to Heart:

As we continue focusing on the life and teachings of Jesus, our memory text is **Philippians 2:5-11**. Let these verses dwell within you, to help you focus on Jesus Christ, the center of our faith.

Next Sunday: April 12, 2015

Theme: How does Jesus save?

Scripture Focus: *Luke 19:1-10; Acts 16:22-34; Colossians 2:6-15*