



Resurrection 2011

## No One Expected It

### *What are you expecting?*

One of Jesus' main teaching themes was His resurrection on the third day. So why did ALL of the disciples miss it? Why were they not more 'expectant' of this great event? Do we suffer from this same lack of expectancy?

**Introduction:** "And on the third day I will rise again."

At least seven times Jesus told His disciples and others that He would rise from the dead on the third day.

- (1) Matt 26:32 At the last supper
- (2) Luke 9:22 A private time with the disciples
- (3) John 2:19-20 The Jews request a sign
- (4) Mt 17:9; Mk 9:10 At the Transfiguration
- (5) Mt 20:18-19 On the way to Jerusalem
- (6) Mk 9:31 Along the way
- (7) John 11:25 To Martha

### A. The Women Disciples *Mark 16:1-8*

(1) **Burial anointing:** A group of women disciples came on the first day of the week **NOT** to see the risen Jesus—but to prepare his body for the grave.

(2) **Who will roll the stone away?** Their conversation was focused on everything dead—and not alive. They had no expectation that Jesus had risen from the dead.

→ **Why did they NOT come expecting?**

### B. The Apostles *Mark 16:9-16*

(1) **Weeping not reaping:** So instead of saying something like, "Hey guys—it's the first day of the week—remember what Jesus told us—let's go check out the tomb and see what's going on." Instead they're fearful and depressed and in hiding.

(2) **They did not believe:** None of the disciples believed the eye witness accounts of anyone who had seen Jesus alive.

(3) **Jesus rebuked their unbelief:** [:14] Notice in this verse that it's not just unbelief—it's also **hardness of heart** (not believing the women) that Jesus rebuked.

→ **Why did they NOT expect Jesus to rise?**

### C. The Rest of Us *Mark 16:17-20*

(1) **What follows those who believe?** Jesus says that 'signs' will follow (or accompany) those who believe. All of the signs listed were accomplished by the Apostles in the book of Acts and through out church history.

(2) **Believe in what?** The context is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. These five signs were all the result of the operation of the power of God, "In My Name."

→ **What is our expectation of the resurrection?**

(1) **The Lord will work:** [:20] The key to the present resurrection power is that Jesus is working that power in us!

(2) **We will rise with Him:** He will work with us until our own resurrection when we will celebrate at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb—with no sickness or pain.

Mark 16:1-20 (NKJV)

**1** Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. **2** Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. **3** And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" **4** But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. **5** And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

**6** But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. **7** But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." **8** So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**9** Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. **10** She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. **11** And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

**12** After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. **13** And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either.

**14** Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. **15** And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

**17** And these signs will follow those who believe: **In My name** they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; **18** they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." **19** So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. **20** And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.