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**Lesson 9 – Those Signs Following**

**Mark 16 : 9-20**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you in your Christian walk?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mark 16:9-11**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson. Possible verses to pray are based on Ephesians 1:18-22. Lord, I pray that the eyes of my heart may be enlightened to know the glorious inheritance I have in You and the incomparably great power working in me because I believe.*

3. When did Jesus rise?

4. Who did Jesus appear to first?

5. ***Thought Question:*** Why do you think Jesus chose to appear first to Mary Magdalene?

6. What did Mary do immediately after her personal encounter with Jesus?

7. When those who had been with Him heard from Mary about her personal experience and testimony about Jesus, how did they respond?

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8. ***Personal Question:*** How do you respond to others when they share about a personal encounter they have had with Jesus? Do you respond with doubt, unbelief, or a critical spirit OR do you respond with excitement, wonder, and a spirit that desires to learn and grow?

***Apply this day:***  *Pray and ask God to enable you to put time alone with Him as a priority in your life that you might have a personal encounter with Him today and every day. Thank Him in advance for the ways He’s going to reveal Himself to you and listen and watch for Him with expectancy and excitement.*

**Day 3 – Read Mark 16:12-14**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson*

 9. Describe what happens in Mark 16:12-13.

10. Mark does not describe the details of this encounter with Jesus, but we learn more about it in Luke’s gospel. Read Luke 24:13-32. What did Jesus ask in Luke 24:17

11. Summarize their answer in Luke 24:19-24.

12. How does Jesus respond to these two in Luke 24:25 and then later to the eleven in Mark 16:14?

13. ***Thought Question:*** Jesus rebuked His followers for their unbelief, and in particular, their stubborn refusal to believe the testimonies of those to whom He had appeared. Why do you think it’s so important to Jesus that we believe the testimonies in His Word of those who’ve been with Jesus and of His prophets? See John 20:26-31 to help you with your answer.

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14. ***Personal Question:*** In Mark 5:36, Jesus declares “Do not fear, only *believe*.” And in John 6:29, He declares, “This is the work of God, that you *believe* in Him whom He has sent.” How’s your heart when it comes to believing? If you are “slow of heart to believe,” what might be preventing you from believing? What does Mark 9:23-24 encourage you to do when you struggle with unbelief?

***Apply this day:*** *When we’re worrying, doubting, and fretting, we’re essentially refusing to believe Jesus and His promises. Pray right now, confessing any sin of unbelief and asking the Lord to enable you to trust Him and His Word over your fears and feelings. He is able!*

**Day 4 – Read Mark 16:15-18**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

15. ***Thought Question:*** What does Jesus tell His disciples to go and proclaim to all creation? What is the Gospel? (See I Cor.15:3-5 and Ephesian 2:4-5)

16. According to verse 16, who does Jesus say will be saved when they hear the Gospel (or Good News)?

17. How do the following verses help you understand the importance of believing God’s Word?

Hebrews 11:1,6-

John 6:40-

Hebrews 4:1-3

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18. *Note: Most biblical scholars agree that the signs Jesus speaks of here refer primarily to signs that would occur during the days of the apostles and the early church. These would be*

*authenticating signs accompanying their preaching that would further demonstrate the truthfulness and power of the Gospel to an unbelieving world.*

According to Mark 16:17-18, what signs does Jesus say would accompany His apostles and those who believe?

19. These dramatic signs obviously remind us of God’s incredible, supernatural power and of His ability to protect and care for His own. In light of that power and provision, we surely should not give in to our fears. How do 1 John 4:4 and Matthew 28:18-20 help you to rest in His authority and power? How do these verses encourage you when sharing the good news with others?

***Apply this day:*** *None of us—this side of heaven—can fully understand the greatness of our God and His infinite power available to us when we believe in Him and trust in His promises…but we can make a start! Read Proverbs 3:5-6 and make it your prayer today—Father, today I will trust You all my heart and will not lean on my own understanding, but I will acknowledge You in all my ways, knowing and trusting that You will make my paths straight. In Jesus’ mighty name, Amen.*

**Day 5 – Read Mark 16:19-20**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

20. According to these verses, what happened to Jesus after He spoke to the disciples?

21. Where is Jesus now sitting and what is He constantly doing according to—

Mark 16:19-

Romans 8:34

Hebrews 7:24-25-

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22. ***Personal Question:*** We often praise Jesus for dying on the cross to save us from our sins, but how often do we thank and praise Him for constantly interceding for us? Hebrews says “He *always lives* to make intercession” for us—what a beautiful promise! How does it change your perspective when you’re going through difficulties to know that your Savior is interceding for you every moment of every day and night?

23. As the disciples went out to preach everywhere, what did the Lord do for them?

24. ***Thought Question:*** Based on verse 20, the Lord didn’t wait until the disciples knew everything and could do everything before sending them out. Instead, Jesus was with them and was constantly working with them along the way. How does this encourage you today? Do you think God expects us to know everything about Him and to understand His ways perfectly before He will use us? See Isaiah 55:8-9 for help with your answer.

25. On the other hand, who is the One who is perfect on our behalf according to Hebrews 12:2? What will He perfect for us?

***Apply this day:*** *Jesus does it all! He redeems us, forgives us, sustains us, strengthens us, empowers us, equips us, intercedes for us, and perfects us and our faith. Today praise and thank Him for all He is, all He does, all He promises, and all He will finish and perfect. Consider daily praying this prayer of John Piper: “O Lord, thank you for my faith. Sustain it. Strengthen it. Deepen it. Don’t let it fail. Make it the power of my life, so that in everything I do, you get the glory as the great Giver. Amen.”*

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**Day 6 – Reread Mark 16:9-11  (SOAP)**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

**Scripture** – *Write the verse(s).*

**Observation** – *Record something you learned from these verses. Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** *– How can I apply these verses to my life?*

**Prayer** *– Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*