

GOSPEL OF MARK  
JESUS CHRIST, SERVANT OF GOD  
Post Resurrection Ministry of Jesus

1. Angelic testimony to the resurrection of Jesus
  - a. **Mark 16:1-20** When the Sabbath was over, bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup>Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup>and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"
  - i. When the Sabbath was over
    - (1) This was the weekly Sabbath, the 4<sup>th</sup> day after the crucifixion and the 3<sup>rd</sup> day after the High Sabbath, the first day of the feast of unleavened bread. Three full days and four full nights had already passed since the burial of Jesus
  - ii. The first day of the week, just after sunrise,
    - (1) Monday morning
      - (a) After three days
        - (i) **Matthew 12:40** For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
        - (ii) **Mark 8:31** He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.
  - iii. The players in this picture
    - (1) Mary Magdalene,
    - (2) Mary the mother of James, and Salome
    - (3) , they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side of the tomb
  - iv. Look close at the woman
    - (1) bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.
      - (a) If the charge that the followers of Jesus stole the body, they did not get the word.
    - (2) they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"
      - (a) They had not heard that the tomb had been sealed
        - (i) It was unlawful to break the seal and roll the stone away
    - (3) They saw a young man
      - (a) What they saw was an angel
  - v. Now let us look at the messenger of God.
    - (1) <sup>6</sup>"Don't be alarmed," he said.
      - (a) This seems to be taught in "HUMANS 101", they are very fearful of things of the Kingdom of God
    - (2) "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified.

- (a) Now he tells them what they are doing, they did not ask him
  - (3) He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.
    - (a) Now from Gods' messenger comes the Words that changes every thing.
      - (i) **Romans 4:25** He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.
      - (ii) **1 Cor. 15:1-58** I want to remind you of the gospel . . as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Peter, . . . <sup>8</sup>and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. . . . <sup>20</sup>But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits . . . . <sup>42</sup>So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; <sup>43</sup>it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; <sup>44</sup>it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body . . . . so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. . . . . <sup>54</sup>When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup>"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" <sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
    - (b) <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "
      - (i) Who is he to tell
        - 1) tell his disciples
        - 2) go tell Peter
      - (ii) What are they to tell them
        - 1) He is going ahead of you into Galilee
          - a) What is the message of the church today.
          - b) Jesus has gone before you.
          - c) Where has he Gone?
          - d) The message is the same. To these men of Galilee, He had returned home.
          - e) To us today, He has returned Home, to us who are Born Again, to our home.
2. The testimony of the woman to the Resurrection
  - a. Mark 16: <sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. <sup>9</sup> When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. <sup>10</sup>She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. <sup>11</sup>When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.
    - i. What did these woman do and why?
      - (1) the women went out and fled from the tomb
      - (2) They said nothing to anyone,
      - (3) they were afraid
      - (a) <sup>8</sup>Trembling and bewildered
    - ii. What happens when a human encounters the living Christ.
      - (1) <sup>9</sup> When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week,

- (2) he appeared first to Mary Magdalene,
      - (a) out of whom he had driven seven demons.
        - (i) Again and again, what is the most significant thing that identifies this woman.
    - (3) <sup>10</sup>She went and told those who had been with him
      - (a) What were the ones who had been with Him doing.
        - (i) were mourning and weeping.
      - (b) What will be there response
        - (i) When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.
  - iii. This woman who has been delivered by the power of God, who has encountered the living Christ, she just knew that the followers of Jesus would believe her, they did not.
- 3. The testimony of the Two
  - a. Mark 16: <sup>12</sup>Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. <sup>13</sup>These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.
    - i. Two = witness - two is to be believer
    - ii. What did they likely see?
      - (1) **Philip. 2:6** Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
      - (2) **Rev. 1:12-20** . . . among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup>His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. . . . "**Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.** <sup>18</sup>I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.
- 4. He now appears to the Eleven
  - a. Mark 16: <sup>14</sup>Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating;
    - i. What is the first thing He has to say to His followers
      - (1) he rebuked them for their lack of faith
      - (2) their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.
        - (a) This could be a good view of what will happen when we stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ. See study on the Judgments.
- 5. The Great Commission to the Church; the Christians power of Attorney
  - a. Mark 16: <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "**Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.** <sup>16</sup>Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup>And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."
    - i. "**Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation**
  - b. Seven groups to preach to!
    - i. To the Poor
      - (1) **Luke 7:22** So he replied to the messengers, "**Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.**

- ii. Jews
  - (1) **Acts 11:19** Now those who had been scattered by the persecution in connection with Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, telling the message only to Jews.
- iii. Gentiles
  - (1) **Galatians 1:16** to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not consult any man,
- iv. Heathen
  - (1) **Galatians 2:2** I went in response to a revelation and set before them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles. But I did this privately to those who seemed to be leaders, for fear that I was running or had run my race in vain.
- v. Earth dwellers
  - (1) **Rev. 14:6** Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth--to every nation, tribe, language and people.
- vi. All creation
  - (1) Here in this verse.
- c. Seven contrasting ways to preach
  - i. Not in envy and strife but in love and good will
    - (1) **Philip. 1:15-17** It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. <sup>16</sup>The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup>The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.
  - ii. Not in hypocrisy and fallacy, but in sincerity and truth
    - (1) **Philip. 1:18** But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,
  - iii. Not with enticing words or man's wisdom, but in power
    - (1) **1 Cor. 2:1-5** When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. <sup>2</sup>For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest on man's wisdom, but on God's power.
  - iv. Not in compromising, man pleasing spirit, but in all boldness and zeal for the truth
    - (1) **Philip. 1:14** Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.
  - v. Not in doubt and unbelief, but in sobriety and faith
    - (1) **1 Tim. 4:6-16** If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. <sup>7</sup>Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. <sup>8</sup>For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. <sup>9</sup>This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance <sup>10</sup>(and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe. <sup>11</sup>Command and teach these things. <sup>12</sup>Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young,

but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.  
<sup>13</sup>Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. <sup>14</sup>Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. <sup>15</sup>Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. <sup>16</sup>Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

- vi. Not partially, but fully preach the whole Gospel
  - (1) **Romans 15:19** by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.
- d. Five things not to preach
  - i. Circumcision
    - (1) **Galatians 5:11** Brothers, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished.
  - ii. The Law of Moses
    - (1) **Acts 15:19-21** "It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. <sup>20</sup>Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood. <sup>21</sup>For Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath."
  - iii. Self
    - (1) **2 Cor. 4:5** For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.
  - iv. Any other Gospel
    - (1) **Galatians 1:7-8** which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned!
  - v. Any other Jesus
    - (1) **2 Cor. 11:4** For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.
- e. 30 things to preach on
  - i. Good News
    - (1) **Luke 4:18** "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed,
    - (2) **Matthew 11:5** The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.
    - (3) **Romans 10:15** And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"
  - ii. The Kingdom from Heaven
    - (1) **Matthew 3:1-2** In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea <sup>2</sup>and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."
    - (2) **Matthew 4:17** From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

iii. Baptizem in the Holy Spirit

- (1) **Mark 1:7-8** And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

iv. The Kingdom of God

- (1) **Luke 4:43** But he said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."
- (2) **Mark 2:2** So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.
- (3) **Acts 13:5** When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.
- (4) **Acts 14:15** "Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them.

v. The word [doctrines] of the Lord

- (1) **Acts 15:35** But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, where they and many others taught and preached the word of the Lord.
- (2) **Romans 10:8-17** But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: <sup>9</sup>That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.
- (3) **Romans 15:19** by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. So from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum, I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ.

vi. Crucifixion of Jesus

- (1) **1 Cor. 1:23** but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,
- (2) **1 Cor. 1:18** For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

vii. The eternal Gospel

- (1) **Rev. 14:6** Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth--to every nation, tribe, language and people.

viii. All is vanity outside of God

- (1) **Eccles. 12:8-14** "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Everything is meaningless!" . . . . Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. <sup>14</sup>For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.

ix. Resurrection

- (1) **Acts 4:2** They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.
- (2) **1 Cor. 15:12** But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

x. Justification by Faith

- (1) **Galatians 3:8** The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."

- xi. Peace of God
  - (1) **Ephesians. 2:17** He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.
- xii. The acceptable year of the Lord
  - (1) **Ephesians. 3:8** Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,
- xiii. Mystery of godliness
  - (1) **1 Tim. 3:16** Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory.
  - (2) **2 Peter 2:5** if he did not spare the ancient world when he brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness, and seven others;
- 6. The ascension of Jesus the Christ
  - a. Mark 16: <sup>19</sup>After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.
    - i. "I go to prepare a place for you"
- 7. The Acts of the Apostles and early believers
  - a. Mark 16: <sup>20</sup>Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.
    - i. To come back to this time.