



## Group Guide

# He is Risen

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**Main Passage: Mark 16:1-8**

## Theological Theme

After His death on the cross, Jesus was raised! The tomb was empty and now, we serve a risen Savior.

## Introduction

- ❓ When was a time you held expectations that turned out very different than the reality you found?
- ❓ When has God molded a situation in your life into something you didn't expect?

## 1. The Tomb (Mark 16:1-2)

Before we dig into these verses, let's recap the events that led up to this early morning at the empty tomb. Jesus was crucified and died on a Friday. If you remember, the religious officials were rushing things along in hopes that their "Jesus problem" would be taken care of before the Sabbath began (John 19:31), and Jesus did die before this time (sundown, or about 6:00 p.m. on Friday).

- ❓ What do these verses display about the women's devotion to Jesus?
- ❓ How did they continue to honor Jesus, despite the unexpected end of His life?
- ❓ How did the impact Jesus made in these women's lives lead them to this point? How has the impact Jesus has made on your life led you to where you are today?

## 2. The Stone (Mark 16:3-4)

On their way to the tomb, the women discussed amongst themselves how they would get in. The grave had been sealed with a large, heavy stone. They would need someone to roll it away so they could anoint Jesus's body.

- ❓ What does it further tell us about the women's devotion that they went to the tomb unsure of how they would access Jesus's body because of the large stone?

- ① The women arrived to find the stone had been rolled away. What emotions might you have felt in this moment? Why?
- ① What are some obstacles that threaten to distract you from being with Jesus in daily life? How can you overcome those obstacles? Why is it always worth it?

### 3. The Good News (Mark 16:5-8)

Upon arrival at the tomb, the women looked up and realized that the stone had already been rolled away. The open tomb gave them opportunity to enter and find that Jesus was not there.

- ① What did the women find upon entering the tomb?
- ① How did the women respond to the report? How are we to respond to the news about Jesus today?
- ① Who do you need to share the good news about Jesus with? How will you seek to do this week?

### Conclusion

- ① Why is it significant that women were the first to discover the empty tomb? What does this remind us about the unexpected nature of Jesus's kingdom according to the context of that time?
- ① How can we encourage one another as those sent to proclaim the good news of Jesus to others?
- ① Who will you seek out a gospel conversation with this week? How can you act toward that today?