



Mark 16
Getting Started

Today Chad went through a fun game of.

“You know you go to Canyon Springs if _____”

Examples he used:

“You know you go to Canyon Springs If you had a casual conversation with Jilane in the courtyard and walked away signing up for a missions trip”

“You know you got to CS if when someone mentions Awana, Club 45 or Oasis you know exactly what they are talking about”

“You know you go to Canyon Springs if when someone yells “YA YA YA YES you answer...”

Do you have any funny ones you would add?

Sometimes we do the same thing with our faith. We say, “You know you’re a Christian IF.” We then, insert whatever our personal beliefs and values are into the IF.

- “If you vote this way”
- “If you believe this doctrine”

To the disciples it was one thing. “If you believe that Christ died and rose again.” In fact, that was the centrality of their message.

Why do you think that was the centrality of their message?

Leader insight:

Because their faith hinged on the resurrection. If the resurrection did not happen then everything Jesus said was false. BUT, if the resurrection was true, it changes everything. For additional information including that it proves the power of God himself, It validates who Jesus claimed to be and evidences his deity,...[Jesus Resurrection](#))

Read the text from today

Mark 16:1-8

Chads main point today was “The Cross moves our hearts but the resurrection transforms us.”

What does that mean to you?

What was accomplished on the cross?

What was proven through the resurrection?

Leader insight:

The cross is just the beginning. The cross without the resurrection is only inspirational. It is, “Well he was a great guy but that didn't really work out.” The resurrection was needed. It changed everything. The resurrection proved that the check had been cashed. The resurrection shows that what Jesus said was true and he MEANT it. [For additional info](#)

The birth of Jesus gave us Emmanuel which means, God with us, but the resurrection proves that God is STILL WITH US...

Corinthians 15:3-4

A dead Savior cannot save, but we have a living Savior who justifies us and makes intercession for us. [Mark 7:25](#)

What are the implications of this? How do we apply it?

This means that if Jesus rose from the grave, we can rise from ours. It means you can be freed from whatever it is that may be holding you down.

Colossians 3:1

What does this tell you about the love of Jesus? What is our response?

Lastly, look at how this chapter ends...Can anyone at church summarize what Chad said about the reason it ends the way it does?

Here is an excerpt from this mornings message about this

"In the original manuscript it just ends....and I get why church fathers added what they did...They had the other gospels. So they knew the ending and felt it was incomplete so they tied those endings into this one to harmonize it better, but I think its more powerful without the extended ending"

Here's what i'm getting at

The audience reading this for the very first time finally get the answer to the big question WHO IS THIS GUY [Jesus] and the girls in the story are told to go tell everyone and they don't

They are left with fear and trembling and when you read that, it is supposed to be a cliff hanger its supposed to make you slam the book down and get up and GO out to do what the girls did not do. It's not supposed to create fear in you but courage and confidence

This is an evangelistic chapter that if you grew up in the church or you have been doing this faith thing for a while this chapter is supposed to push you out of the doors of the church and into the streets

It's supposed to fire you up to share this story with someone...."

What is your response to this?

The Apostles had one message.

Read [Acts 4:33](#)

That is what we are called to...care for the lost. Reach into the depths of our community with the transforming power of the gospel.

Leader insight: *3 great reasons to share your story.*

1. You live in a hurting, broken world. (**We don't have to look far to know that people are hurting. We live in a broken world and Jesus is the only answer. Jesus is the Hope of tomorrow!**)
2. You have a unique story. (**Throughout the New Testament Jesus tells people to go and tell their story. He has done something for them. He doesn't ask them to save anybody, or do anything weird. He just tells them to go and tell their story of what happened when they encountered Jesus. [Luke 8](#) What's your story since you encountered Jesus? Can you share it?**)
3. God has called ALL of us to share the Good News. (**[Acts 1:8](#) This is called the Great Commission but sometimes it feels like the Great Omission. Simply look for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus.**)

Close in Prayer

Take a few minutes to Pray together as a group, or as the leader, take prayer requests and close in prayer.

