

Mark 15:40-16:8

Discussion Questions

Read Mark 15:40-47

1. How do the various 'witnesses' in these verse confirm that Jesus really was dead?
2. Why does it matter that Jesus really died? (c.f. Mark 10:45, Colossians 1:19-23)
3. Jesus took our sins to the grave with him. How should this encourage us when our conscience is burdened by something we have thought, said or done?

Read Mark 16:1-8

4. Why is Peter is singled out in verse 7? (cf. Mark 14:26-31, 66-72)
5. Why do you think Jesus tells the disciples to meet him in Galilee (cf. 1:16-17)?
6. Jesus' resurrection means we can have a fresh start (cf. Romans 6:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:17). How does this give us hope for ourselves and our families?
7. Why do you think Mark ends his Gospel so abruptly?
8. Like these women, we have heard the good news of the resurrection. How does their response present a challenge to us?

Prayer Ideas:

- Give thanks that Jesus' death and resurrection mean we can approach God with a clean conscience and have power in the fight against sin.
- Think about someone close to you who hasn't yet experienced the forgiveness and fresh start that Jesus' brings. Pray for them by name and ask God to give you the opportunity to explain the good news to them this summer.