

**Series "The God Who Serves"  
"Parting Words"  
Mark 16:9-20  
Study-69**

**The Theme of the Gospel of Mark – "The God Who Serves"**

**The Key Passage of Mark's Gospel Is Also The Outline – Mark 10:45**

**Mark 1-10 – "Serve"; "Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve,"**

**Mark 11-16 – "Sacrifice"; "to give His life a ransom for many."**

**Gospel of Mark started with the Gospel – Mark 1:1**

**Gospel of Mark ends with this Gospel – Mark 16:20**

**Mark 16:8**

**This passage is recorded in parts in all 4 Gospels: Matt. 28:9-20;  
Mark 16:9-20; Luke 24:13-49; John 20:11-29**

**The Thought Of Our Passage:** "After Jesus' Resurrection, He Appeared Multiple Times. And Then After Giving The Great Commission, He Ascended Into Heaven."

- 1. Verses 9-14 – Appearance Of Jesus**
- 2. Verses 15-18 – Assignment From Jesus**
- 3. Verses 19-20 – Ascension Of Jesus**

**1. Verses 9-14 – Appearance Of Jesus:**

Mark 16:9

"Now after He had risen early on the first day of the week," – Jesus was resurrected on Sunday morning. Mark 16:1-8

Acts 1:3

**Mark Briefly Cites 3 Appearances Of Jesus:**

- 1. Verses 9-11 – An Appearance To Reward Love:** "to Mary Magdalene," (Mark 16:8 – all women fled, but Mary stayed)

John 20:11-18

Mark 16: 10-11

**2. Verses 12-13 – An Appearance To Restore Hope:** Mark 16: 12

“And after that, He appeared in a different form to two of them,” – This is recorded in Luke 24: 13-35, it is called “On The Road To Emmaus.”

He appeared in a “different form”, Mark 6: 49

Luke 24: 21

This appearance of Jesus was to “Restore Hope.”

Luke 24: 30-32

Mark 16: 13

**3. Verse 14 – An Appearance To Renew Their Faith:** Mark 16: 14

This is recorded in John 20: 19-25

This Appearance was to “Renew Their Faith.”

“and He reproached” – Jesus had to correct them

Mark 6: 52

Mark 8: 17

**Danger Of The Followers Of Jesus Shutting Their Hearts To The Reality Of The Truth.**

**The only thing that would help their unbelief was an encounter of the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.**

**2. Verses 15-18 – Assignment From Jesus:**

Mark 16: 15

“And He said to them,” – Jesus gives His commission only when the disciples believe His resurrection from the dead!

Verse 15 – Preach The Gospel: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” – Called “The Great Commission”; is recorded in all the Gospels.

Preach – “to announce as a herald, proclamation, to be an ambassador who had an announcement from the king”; gospel – “good news, death, burial and resurrection.”

Mark 16:16

Verse 16 – Reception Of The Gospel: “He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved;”

Eph. 2:8-9

“but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.” – Notice the condemned ones are not the non-baptized ones but those who do not believe.

Baptism – “is an outward sign of an inward work; baptism marks a break from the world and marks allegiance to discipleship in following Jesus Christ.”

Verses 17-18 – Confirmation Of Belief: Mark 16:17

“And these signs will accompany those (“those among you”) who have believed”: Notice that these signs will follow them, not them following these signs.

Power Over Satan: “in My name they will cast out demons,” – This happened in Acts 16, when Paul was in Philippi; Jesus in the Gospels.

Speak Of God’s Wonderful Works: “they will speak with new tongues;” – Acts 2, 10, 19; Paul spoke of it in 1 Cor. 12, 1 Corinthians 14:2.

Mark 16:18

If Necessary, Power Over Nature: “they will pick up serpents,” – This was done by Paul in Acts 28:3.

“and if they drink any deadly {poison,} it shall not hurt them;” – Inanimate as well as animate objects will not prevail. 2 Kings 4:39-41

Power For Good In His Name: “they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” – “Gospels – Disciples, and Peter and Paul in the book of Acts.

Hebrews 2:3-4

### **3. Verses 19-20 – Ascension Of Jesus:**

Mark 16:19

“Heavenly Reception”: “when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven,” – Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:9-11.

“and sat down at the right hand of God.” – Psalm 2, 110:1.

Three men have seen Him in Heaven:

1. Stephen – Acts 7:54-56
2. Paul – Acts 9:3
3. John – Revelation 1:12, Rev. 4, 5

Mark 16:20

3 Things Happened On This “Earthly Mission”:

1. They Obeyed And Preached The Word Everywhere: “And they went out and preached everywhere,”
2. They Depended Upon God: “while the Lord worked with them,”
3. God Authenticated His Word By The Miraculous: “confirmed the word by the signs that followed.”

### **Application:**

1. Appearance Of Jesus Makes His Resurrection Undeniable.
2. Assignment From Jesus To Preach The Gospel Came With God’s Enablement In The Facing Of Any Obstacle.
3. Ascension Of Jesus Was The Culmination Of God’s Acceptance Of Jesus’ Death, Burial And Resurrection For Sin And Jesus’ Ongoing Intercession For The Believers.