



The sacrificial death **and resurrection...**

According to **Mark**

**His Sacrificial Death
and Resurrection
Purchased *MORE*
than Forgiveness**

Leading Up to Jesus' Resurrection

The miraculous, virgin birth fulfilled

Jesus grew in wisdom & stature before God & men

Jesus preached repentance & the kingdom of God. His purpose, like the church who follows Him, is to seek & save the lost

Jesus loves sinners & transforms them while He rebukes hypocrites

Jesus ushered in the New Covenant & fulfilled the Passover

Jesus suffered great sorrow, was abandoned, betrayed, denied, falsely accused, brutally beaten, forsaken, & put to death

Mark 16:1-5 (ESV) ¹ When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.

These faithful women were not hiding like the apostles but traveled to preserve Jesus' dead body → *Try to imagine being in their shoes. You plan to anoint Jesus' dead body to preserve it and instead of a dead body you see this!*

One of the awesome things about God is that when we are obedient, He often makes a way when there isn't one

Even when it's not always crystal clear what God's doing, will you follow Christ and prepare for Him to do the impossible?

Mark 16:6-8 (NIV) ⁶ "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. ⁷ 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.' " ⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

This is the standard greeting of angels due to the fear their presence causes. Imagine the honor this angel had to proclaim the resurrection!!!!!!

Another reason why this isn't a made-up story: Women were not even allowed to be witnesses in court in 1st century Israel

Jesus had told His disciples where He'd be once He'd risen. Also, the angel knew that Peter, especially, needed the news!

Though the women were initially paralyzed from fear, they became obedient to proclaim His resurrection. How will you respond after the greatest love of all has been proclaimed to you?

Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection purchased reconciliation with God, a place in God's Kingdom, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Who grants us everlasting life), oh, and YES, the full payment for our sins...

BUT YOU MUST RESPOND

Understanding the depth of God's love, grace, and mercy can be challenging, but a true story can help.

What will you do? God's love demands a response! Jesus is calling for repentance and allegiance so that He can pour out His love on you and so you can be free to abide in His love.