

## The Awe of Easter Notes

Mark 16:1-8

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**Main Point:** Instead of amusing ourselves to death, let's live in awe of Jesus, who came back to life in order to give us life.

### Mark Buchanan's Book "Your God is Too Safe: Rediscovering the Wonder of a God You Can't Control"

1. He defines "wonderlessness" as the state of \_\_\_\_\_ wonder, awe, or curiosity.
2. It describes a mindset or condition where we feel \_\_\_\_\_ from amazement because we're seeking to amuse ourselves to death.
3. Wonderlessness is often linked to \_\_\_\_\_, cynicism, and complacency, which can dull our senses and lull us into spiritual paralysis.

### Awe

1. Awe can be defined as "fear mingled with \_\_\_\_\_."
2. People had a sense of awe toward the Savior when He was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. We also see this sense of wonder when He \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross for our sins (Matthew 27:55).

### The Empty Tomb

1. The empty tomb caused an explosion of awe for three women that first Easter morning (Mark 16).
2. When Jesus was crucified, these same women "looked on from a \_\_\_\_\_" as Jesus died and extremely brutal death.
3. Mark 15 ends by telling us they "saw where He was \_\_\_\_\_."
4. After waiting until the Sabbath was over, the three women bought \_\_\_\_\_, including myrrh.
5. They experienced horror at not finding the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus while encountering the holiness of the angel.
6. "Alarmed means "to be utterly amazed and \_\_\_\_\_ distressed; to shake and be beside themselves in alarming astonishment."
7. Luke 24:5 says they \_\_\_\_\_ in terror.
8. The awe of that moment was not just in the angel's appearance but in the profound truth that death had been \_\_\_\_\_.
9. All that He taught and said is \_\_\_\_\_, and we don't need to prop any of it up (Revelation 1:18).
10. Jesus has risen, not metaphorically or symbolically, but \_\_\_\_\_, triumphantly, forever (1 Corinthians 15:17).

11. This miracle was so startling, so outside the realm of what they understood to be possible, that it left them \_\_\_\_\_ and bewildered.

### Mark 16:8 Phrase-by-Phrase

1. Fled from the tomb – To flee means “to move \_\_\_\_\_ as if from danger; to escape as quickly as possible from the unexpected.”
2. For trembling – The word trembling refers to “reverential awe, deep dread, and \_\_\_\_\_ fear.”
3. And astonishment – Astonishment has the idea of “\_\_\_\_\_ belief, bewilderment, amazement, and wonder. It is also translated as “sacred ecstasy by having all senses suspended.
4. Had seized them – Fear, trembling, and astonishment were “\_\_\_\_\_ them” or more literally “holding them fast.”
5. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid – They couldn’t speak to even one person because words failed them. We know they eventually shared the good news, but their immediate reaction was to go \_\_\_\_\_ in the presence of majesty.

### Results of the Resurrection

1. \_\_\_\_\_ – Just as the angel told the women in Mark 16:6 not to be afraid, so too Jesus calms us by His presence.
  - Jesus came to bring reconciliation and forgiveness so we can be at peace with God the Father.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ – Life now has meaning and purpose as Jesus said in John 10:10.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ – Philippians 3:10 tells us the same power that raised Jesus from the dead, defeated the devil, and conquered our depravity is available to us today.
  - Death didn’t voluntarily give up Jesus, death was destroyed by Jesus.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ – In Matthew 28:20, Jesus made this promise, “And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

### Awe-Full and Awful

1. Historically, “awe-full” described something that evoked profound \_\_\_\_\_ or wonder, often with a positive connotation.
2. Over time, its meaning shifted to emphasize something extremely \_\_\_\_\_, unpleasant, or terrible.
3. It is an “awful” thing to fall into the hands of an “awe-full” and awesome God (Hebrews 10:31).

### Resurrection

1. If we refuse Jesus as Savior, we’ll face Him one day as \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The resurrection means that sin, guilt, shame, addiction, pain, and death do not have the \_\_\_\_\_ word in our lives.
3. Death was proof that Jesus was human. Resurrection was proof that He is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The empty tomb demands a \_\_\_\_\_.