

“Being Grounded” Easter Sunday
Mount of Olives | April 5, 2026 | Mark 16:1-7
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Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, on this Easter Day, we reflect on the incredibly costly sacrifice of Christ and the victory He achieved on our behalf. Gratitude fills our hearts as we remember the resurrection; which gives us hope, eternal life, and the assurance that Your promises are true. As our days progress, help us to never minimize the price of our salvation. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 16:1-7

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

Message Notes

Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Study Questions – Read Mark 16:1-7

ICEBREAKER – Getting started:

1. What is your favorite Easter tradition or memory, and why does it stand out to you?
2. When you hear the word “resurrection,” what comes to mind?
3. Have you ever experienced a moment when something hopeless suddenly turned hopeful? What happened?
4. If you had been at the tomb that morning, what emotions do you think you would have felt?

Based on Mark 16:1-7, answer the following questions:

OBSERVATION – What does the text say?

1. As you read **Mark 16:1-7**, what comes to mind? What stands out? What is interesting to you and why?
2. In one sentence, how would you summarize this text?
3. What lesson or message do you think the author is trying to convey?

INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?

1. Who are the women that go to the tomb, and what do they bring with them?
2. What concern do the women have as they approach the tomb?
3. What do they discover when they arrive at the tomb?

4. How does the description of the stone being rolled away contribute to the significance of the moment?
5. Who do the women encounter inside the tomb, and how is he described?
6. What is the initial reaction of the women upon seeing the young man?
7. What message does the young man give about Jesus?
8. Why is the phrase “He has risen; He is not here” central to the Christian faith?
9. What evidence does the young man provide to support the claim of the resurrection?
10. Why do you think Peter is specifically mentioned in verse 7?
11. What instruction are the women given, and why is it important?
12. How does the promise of Jesus going ahead into Galilee connect to His earlier teachings?

APPLICATION – How can you apply the text?

1. How does the truth of the resurrection impact the way you face fear, uncertainty, or difficult situations today?
2. In what ways can you live as someone who truly believes “He is risen”?
3. The women were told to go and share the message—who in your life might need to hear the hope of the resurrection from you?
4. How does the resurrection shape your understanding of forgiveness, especially considering Peter’s mention?
5. What is one practical way you can celebrate and reflect the hope of Easter in your daily life this week?