

Easter: A Celebration Of Life!

Intro: Easter Sunday marks the day, nearly two thousand years ago, when God raised His Son Jesus Christ from the dead. This morning we can rejoice together and praise our "God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born-again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

Last Sunday we reviewed Mark's chronological record of Christ's Passion Week. This morning I would like to return to Mark's account, and look at Christ's victorious resurrection (vv. 1-8), and several of His post-resurrection appearances to His followers (vv. 9-15).

I. The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:1-8)

- A. The women's arrival at Christ's tomb (vv. 1-5)
- B. The angel's revelatory message (vv. 6-7)
- C. The women's response to the angel's message (v. 8)



II. Three Post-Resurrection Appearances Of Jesus (Mark 16:9-15)

- A. His appearance to Mary Magdalene, and His disciples' unbelief (vv. 9-11)
- B. His appearance to two followers, and the unbelief of the rest (vv. 12-13)
- C. His appearance to the eleven, and His rebuke of their unbelief (v. 14)
- D. His concluding commission to go into all the world and preach the gospel (v. 15)