

100 Bible Stories

91. ~~The First Appearances of the Risen Lord~~ The Ending of Mark; appearances of Jesus

Mark 16 (NKJV)

Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

²Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" ⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

⁸So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. . . . and the "disputed ending..."

⁹Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons. ¹⁰She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. ¹¹And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

¹²After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country. ¹³And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either.

¹⁴Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. ¹⁵And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

¹⁹So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Approximately 4 % of ancient texts (some ancient translations omit these verses or give an alternative ending...

I. Ascension accomplished (cf. Mk 5.21-43)

II. Jesus is denied (cf. Mk. 6.1-6)

Cf. Lk 24.13-34

Cf. John 21

III. Jesus sends proclaimers (cf. Mk. 6.7-12)

Cf. Mt. 28.19f

take up serpents; Cf. Exodus 4.1-5

drink deadly... cf. 2 Kings 2.19f

Acts 1

was this added in the light of the other Gospels' added information; or is this materials integrated into the rest of Mark and a necessary component for this Gospel to stand on its own as an "independent" Gospel that can stand on its own. Do we find affinities in this material also to the other writings of Peter in the NT? (Mark is traditionally attributed to the witness of Peter's testimony of Jesus.

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