

Mark 15:40 – 16:8

In preparation for 11th October 2009

There is but one episode remaining in Mark. And it may well be the most important of all. What could be more important than the cross?

The resurrection!

Without the resurrection, the cross would have been just the tragic death of another would be religious altruist.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead proved he is the Lord of Lords. It showed that his teaching and his work and his agenda were imbued with the power of God. This Jesus was God himself changing the world!!!

- 1) Why does Mark spend six whole verses (15:42-47) on the details of Jesus' burial?

- 2) Why did the women come to the tomb? See 16:1-3. Why did the men not accompany them?

- 3) What is the most important part of the angel's message to the women? See verses 6-7. Why is Peter singled out? What is the significance of Jesus' going before you to Galilee?

- 4) How did the women respond to the announcement of the resurrection? See verse 8. There is a reason why the earliest and best Greek manuscripts end the gospel of Mark at verse 8, without an actual sighting of Jesus. Can you guess the reason?

- 5) How should you respond to news of the resurrection? How does the resurrection of Christ change the way you live? Explain.