

## **The Way of a Servant: Mark The Resurrection**

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### ***The first Easter...***

*When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him." (Mark 16:1-6)*

### ***The resurrection and the skeptic...***

*"I am not insane, most excellent Festus," Paul replied. "What I am saying is true and reasonable. The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. **I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner.**" (Acts 26:25-26)*

*If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless...your faith is futile...you are still in your sins...If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die.'...But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead. (1 Cor. 15:13-14, 17, 20, 32)*

*Then He said to Thomas... "Stop doubting and believe!"  
Thomas said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:27-28)*

### ***The resurrection and the Christian...***

- **No fear of death (freedom)** – *"Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death." (Heb. 2:14-15)*

*When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."  
(1 Cor. 15:54)*

- **New hope in life (transformation)** – *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." (1 Peter 1:3)*

*He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all are alive. (Luke 20:38)*

- **New assignment to complete (mission)** – *"...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt. 28:19-20)*

*... (for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially those who believe. (1 Tim. 4:10)*