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MESSAGE TITLE: HE IS RISEN

MESSAGE SERIES/OCCASION: GOSPEL OF MARK SERIES/EASTER SUNDAY

MESSAGE TEXT: MARK 16:1-13

INTRODUCTION:

Mark shows us something uncomfortable:

Being close to the event is not the same as responding to it.

Mark 16:1-13 ¹And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. ²And very early in the morning the first *day* of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. ³And they said among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? ⁴And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. ⁵And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. ⁶And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. ⁷But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. ⁸And they went out quickly,

and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any *man*; for they were afraid. ⁹Now when *Jesus* was risen early the first *day* of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. ¹⁰And she went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. ¹¹And they, when they had heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not. ¹²After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. ¹³And they went and told *it* unto the residue: neither believed they them. ¹⁴Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

The resurrection is not just something to celebrate—it is something that demands a response.

You can hear that Jesus is risen... and still fail to respond to it rightly.

1. The Reception

- a. **The Expectation of the women**
- b. **The Exception of one**
- c. **The Exclamation of the Angel**

2. The Reaction

- a. The women feared, trembled, and *initially* told no one.
- b. The men heard the eyewitness testimony of Mary Magdalene, but did not believe.
- c. The account of two eyewitnesses on the Emmaus Road was not believed though they had spent significant time with Jesus. (Luke 24:13-35)

3. The Response

- a. Their response was fear, faithlessness, and despair.
- b. Christ's response to their unbelief was stern rebuke.
- c. **Your response?**
 - i. Will you remember His Words, and place your trust in them?
 - ii. Will you believe and receive the Lord Jesus as your Risen King?

