

## *Hearing and Seeing God*

- What questions do you want God to answer?
- What things do you wish God would do?
- Why doesn't He answer what we want answered?  
Why doesn't He do what we want Him to do?

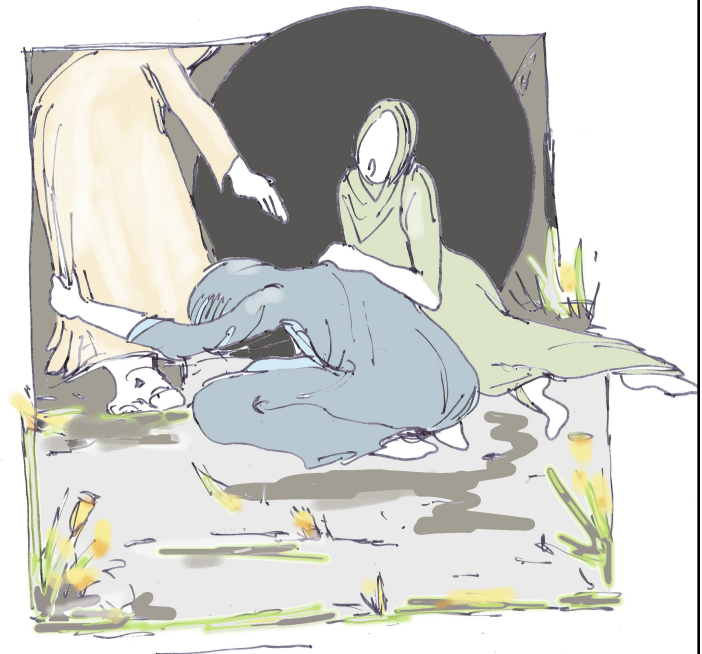
## Growing Faith

**Mark 16:1-8**  
**Matthew 28:9-10**

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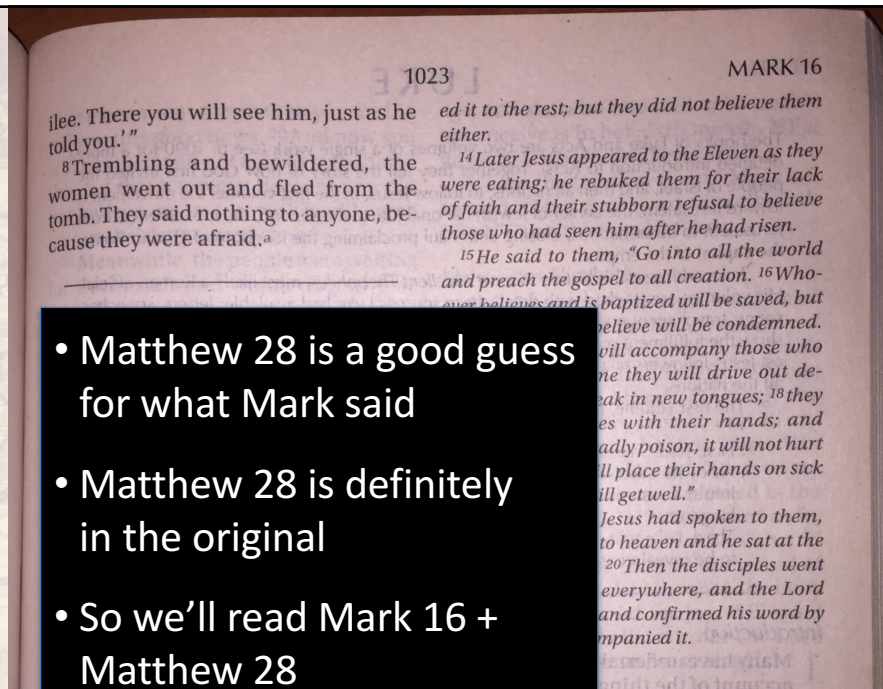
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### *The Ending of Mark's Gospel*

- “Without error in the original manuscript”
- Almost certainly verses 8-20 are not original
- Almost certainly we don't have what Mark wrote at the end
- This gives me greater confidence of the Bible!



- Matthew 28 is a good guess for what Mark said
- Matthew 28 is definitely in the original
- So we'll read Mark 16 + Matthew 28

### *The Setting for Mark 16*

- The Bible was written **for** us, not **to** us.
  - So we need to understand the original recipients to understand the text fully.
- Jewish Week
  - Days start & end at **sunset**
  - Day 1 Sunday **Palm Sunday** Arrival in Jerusalem
  - Day 6 Friday **Good Friday** Crucifixion and burial
  - Day 7 Saturday **Sabbath** No work
  - Day 1 Sunday **Easter Sunday** Resurrection



*Mark 16:1-8 + Matthew 28:9-10*

Mark

1: Women prepare to anoint Jesus' body

*Saturday evening*

2-7: Angel announces resurrection to women, tells them to tell "disciples and Peter" to meet Jesus in Galilee

**TRUST + OBEY**

*Sunday morning*

8: In great fear, women flee and tell no one

**FEAR + DISOBEDIENCE**

Matthew

9-10: Jesus meets them personally, and gives the command again

**TRUST + OBEY**

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*The Big Idea*

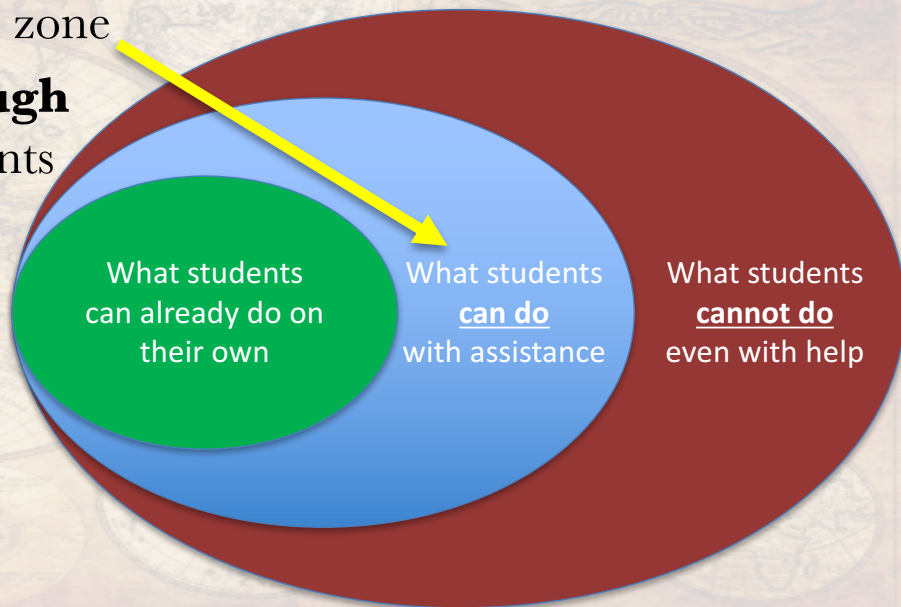
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### *Scavenger Hunt*

- How is seeking God something like a Scavenger Hunt?
- Is this a good thing? If so, why?

### *Zone of Proximal Development*

- Assign tasks in this zone
- Provide **just enough help** so that students learn to do it without help
- So **they learn it**, not just accept it





### *How the Disciples learned about the Resurrection of Jesus*

- Women
  - Jesus told them before his death
- Men

### *Jesus' words to His disciples in Mark*

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and **after three days rise again.** *8:31*

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had **risen from the dead.** *9:9*

He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and **after three days he will rise.**” *9:31*

“We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. **Three days later he will rise.**” *10:33-34*

But after **I have risen**, I will go ahead of you into Galilee. *14:28*

### *How the Disciples learned about the Resurrection of Jesus*

- Women
    - Jesus told them before his death
    - An angel told them and showed them the empty tomb
    - Jesus came to them personally
  - Men
    - Jesus told them before his death
    - Women (eventually) told them about the empty tomb
    - Two saw the empty tomb
    - Two reported meeting Jesus
    - Jesus came to Simon Peter
    - Jesus came to all of them except one
    - Jesus came to all of them
- JESUS COULD HAVE  
STARTED HERE!**
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### *Implications*

Exercise your faith: trust God and obey God

- Like a good teacher, God gives enough support for our faith today
- But not enough to live without faith (trust)

Expect God to grow your faith

- Like a good teacher, God puts us in challenging situations
- Then He gives us enough support for us to live by faith

The support He provides

- His Word = the Bible (God's promises, understanding life, good ways to live)
- His Presence (the Holy Spirit) who lives within Christians
- His people = living in Christian community
- Circumstances and physical provisions

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**WHY DOESN'T GOD ANSWER ALL OF OUR QUESTIONS?**

**WHY DOESN'T GOD DO ALL THAT WE ASK?**

**→ HE WANTS TO GROW OUR FAITH.**

**WHAT STEP OF FAITH IS GOD ASKING YOU TO TAKE TODAY?**