

SERMON NOTES

Easter Effect
Mark 16:1-16

I would like to remind you that Jesus Christ has all power in heaven and on earth. The power of a locomotive may pull hundreds of heavy train cars. The power of a nuclear plant may provide electricity to everyone in the entire Tennessee Valley, but only the power of a resurrected Christ can give life and change a life. Reading the New Testament, we are gripped by the effects of the resurrection. The effects of the resurrection were life giving and life changing for the followers of Jesus.

Key thought: The effects of the resurrection are life giving and life changing for you!

They went out and fled from the tomb, for **trembling and astonishment had gripped them**; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. *Mark 16:8* (NASB95)

Well over three hundred verses are concerned with the subject of Jesus' resurrection in the New Testament. We are told that this event is a sign for unbelievers (Matthew 12:38-40; cf. John 20:24-29) as well as the answer for the believer's doubt (Luke 24:38-43). It serves as the guarantee that Jesus' teachings are true (Acts 2:22-24; 1 Corinthians 15:12-20) and is the center of the gospel itself (Romans 4:24-25, 10:9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).^[1]

Calvary expresses the love of God. The resurrection explains the power of God.

LIFE GIVING (1 CORINTHIANS 14-20)

- Vindicates the claims of Jesus
- Victory over death and hell
- Validates the promises of Jesus

LIFE CHANGING

- Sorrow into singing (Psalm 30:11; 126:5; Isaiah 51:11)
- Hopelessness into hopefulness (John 16:20-22)
- Fear into faith (Matthew 28:10)
- Tragedy into triumph (Isaiah 25:8; 1 Peter 1:3)

^[1] Gary R. Habermas & J.P. Moreland, *Immortality - The Other Side of Death*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1992, p. 245.