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**Unfinished Business**

Mark 16:9-20

**Key Truth:** As Jesus’ disciples today, we have been given the same task to believe and proclaim the gospel to the whole world.

**Jesus Makes His Appearance:**

1. He appeared to the marginalized of society.

2. He appeared to those He had set free.

3. Mary brought good news to those who were mourning.

 A. They refused to believe her and the other witnesses.

 B. Their grief was stronger than their faith.

**What We Learn:**

1. We are all commanded to proclaim the gospel.

 A. The best place to start is with your sphere of influence.

2. It is not our responsibility to make others believe.

 A. Our goal is to make disciples who obey Jesus.

3. We must not let fear be stronger than our faith.

**What Would Happen If Our Church Took The Mission Seriously?**

1. We wouldn’t let trivial issues divide us.

2. We would see more baptisms.

3. We would see more of our friends and family come to Christ.

4. We would invite more people to experience the joy of church worship.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for Jesus sacrifice and grace. Ask Him for new opportunities to share the gospel with the people you encounter each day.

**Food For Thought**

Who would you have expected Jesus to appear to first after rising from the dead? Why?

Read Mark 16:8: Why didn’t the women tell anyone at first that Jesus had risen? Why do you think Mary Magdalene, of all people, was courageous enough to start talking?

How has walking with Jesus given you a boldness you didn’t previously have?

How would your life change this week if you truly saw yourself first and foremost as a rescued, redeemed, and wholly loved child of God?

What are some fears that keep you from telling people about the resurrected Jesus? What can you do to combat these issues?

Each of us have fears when it comes to stepping out and sharing our story with someone we know. We are not the only ones who have had some fear when being asked to do something for God. As you read the passages below, how does Moses respond to God?

What is God’s response to Moses?

Exodus 3:9-14

Exodus 4:9-17

What might this tell you about someone who experiences fear when they have the opportunity to act in faith and obedience to God?