

He is Risen!

Mark 16:1-8



**1. They found what they did not expect:
“the stone had been rolled back—it
was very large.”**

It takes a *lot* more faith to believe any of the attempts to explain away the resurrection than it does to believe the resurrection.

**2. They did not find what they
expected: a dead body.**

Those who greatly love greatly dare.

**3. They found what they did not expect
– an angel.**

4. They were given a question they could not answer.

Why did you come to the graveyard?

“Why are you spending time rummaging around death and the dead hoping that you will find life there somehow? Why would you go among the dead expecting to find fellowship there?”

“What partnership does light have with darkness? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness?”

-2 Corinthians 6:14

**5. They
were given a
treasure
they could
not contain.**

“Easter has become our annual dress rehearsal for that great coming day when our perishable bodies will put on the imperishable. When the mortal will finally put on immortality. When we will join in the triumphant song of the prophets and apostles, ‘O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’”

-David Mathis

Confession before Communion

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us, that
we might delight in your will, and
walk in your ways, to the glory of your
name. Amen.