The Resurrection of the Great King Let's Go Mark 16:1-20 4-17-22

I. Historical Evidence

1. Jesus' Death

1 Peter 1:18-19 – "...knowing that <u>you were ransomed</u> from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but <u>with the precious blood of Christ</u>, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."

2. Jesus' Burial

3. Empty Tomb

Mark 16:4 – "And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large."

Mark 16:5 – "And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed."

Mark 16:6 – "And he said to them, "<u>Do not be alarmed</u>. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who <u>was crucified</u>. He <u>has risen</u>; he is <u>not here</u>. See the place where they laid him."

II. Eternal Significance

1 Corinthians 15:17 – "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins."

1. Creates New Life. (Regeneration)

1 Peter 1:3 – "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be <u>born again</u> to a living hope <u>through the resurrection</u> of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Ephesians 2:5-6 – "...even when we were <u>dead in our trespasses</u>, made us <u>alive together with Christ</u> - by grace you have been saved - and <u>raised us up with him</u> and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 1:19-20 – "...and what is the immeasurable <u>greatness of his power</u> toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised..."

2. Guarantees Guilt-Free Life. (Justification)

Romans 4:25 – "... who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification."

Romans 3:22 - "...the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe..."

3. Promises Restored Body. (Glorification)

- 1 Corinthians 6:14 "And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power."
- 1 Corinthians 15:20 "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

Mark 16:8 – "And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid."

Growing Deeper This Week

- 1. Read Mark 16:1-20.
- 2. When you ponder your faith, or when you face doubts, what is the bottom line for you what is your anchor? Why are you a Christian?
- 3. If you wanted to make up a story about a man being resurrected from the dead, how would it differ from Mark's account of Jesus' resurrection? Why is the difference actually evidence that Mark's account is true?
- 4. Toward the end of Jesus' ministry, what were the disciples expecting of Him? When Jesus was crucified, what were they probably thinking? (See Luke 24:19-24)
- 5. What aspects of the Bible's teaching about a resurrection body were new to your understanding? Can you think of some characteristics of the resurrection body that you especially look forward to?
- 6. What things would you like to do now but find yourself unable to do because of the weakness or limitations of your own physical body? Do you think those activities would be appropriate to your life in heaven?
- 7. When you were born again, you received new spiritual life within. If you think of this new spiritual life as part of the resurrection power of Christ working within you, how does that give you encouragement in living the Christian life in ministering to people's needs?
- 8. How does your own heart and personal experience give testimony to the resurrection of Christ?
- 9. Pray for someone you know that needs Christ.