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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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Mark 16:9-20

“The End of Mark?”

- I. The Title – 1:1
- II. The Prologue – 1:2-13
- III. The Body: The Public Demonstration of Who Jesus Is and What He Came to Do – 1:14-15:41
 - A. The Galilean Ministry: Who Jesus Is (the Christ the Son of God) – 1:14-9:50
 - B. The Judean Ministry: What Jesus Came To Do – 10:1-15:41
- IV. The Epilogue: The Resurrection of Jesus (15:42-16:8[20])
 - A. Dead and Buried (15:42-47)
 - B. Resurrected (16:1-8)

What is the real ending? Note the brackets starting with verse 9.

- **16:8**
- **16:20**
- **Last phrase after 16:8**
- **Last phrase after 16:20**

- **Textual Criticism**
 - **External Evidence - manuscripts**

 - **Internal Evidence – words, topics, summaries**

- **Confidence concerning our English Scriptures!**

- **Why the abrupt ending?**

- **Lessons in the longer ending? (Compare with Luke 24)**

- **Lessons from Mark’s Gospel**
 - **WHO Jesus is**

 - **WHAT Jesus came to do**

Discussion & Application:

1. What is the value of textual criticism? Even though we don't have the original manuscripts written by the authors of Scripture, how confident can we be that we have accurate copies of the originals? What about variations in the manuscripts? How or why would they get in there?
2. Should you build your theology upon the content of Mark 16:9-20? If not, why not?
3. How does Mark 16:9-20 compare to Luke 24 and the Book of Acts? What pattern do you see in the lives of the disciples after the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus? What can we learn from that?
4. Go back through the Gospel of Mark. What did Mark want us to know about the NATURE of Jesus? List references and statements about WHO Jesus is:
5. Go back through the Gospel of Mark. What did Mark want us to know about the REASON Jesus came? List references and statements about WHAT Jesus came to do:
6. Why would Mark want such an abrupt ending (in v. 8)? What would this force his readers to do? What does it force us to do?
7. Have you put your trust in Jesus and His finished work on the cross as your only way to get to heaven? If not, why not? If so, how are you currently engaged in making more and better disciples?