



## **Mark: Following Jesus Immediately- The Tomb is Still Empty!**

**Introduction:** The resurrection of Jesus is the event that is the foundation of our faith. Even though Jesus had taught that he would be betrayed, killed, and rise again, no one expected it. But this moment is the defining moment of all history. If we are certain the tomb is empty, how does it change our lives today?

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Christmas and Easter are the two days where everyone knows what we are going to talk about, and rightly so. But how does our familiarity with the stories of both days decrease their impact on our daily lives?
2. Read **Mark 14:61-64** What is Jesus saying here that convinces the High Priest that he should die?
3. Read **Mark 16:1-8** If Jesus had predicted his resurrection, why does it seem that none of his followers were expecting it that morning? Why were the women so afraid? Why does Mark say they didn't tell anyone if we know the story from other accounts?
4. Read **John 20:1-2, Luke 24:11, John 20:3-8** Why don't the disciples believe the women? What lends credibility to the writing of these accounts?
5. Read **1Corinthians 15:14-20** Explain what is meant when we say that the foundation of our faith is an event? How does the resurrection impact how we look at what Jesus taught?
6. Of the evidence for the resurrection, what is most convincing to you? How is the resurrection of Jesus a source of hope in a world of sin, suffering and pain?

**Shaping Your Mind** – *But Christ indeed has been raised from the dead... 1 Corinthians 15:20*

**Moving Forward** – The empty grave says one day mine will be empty too!