



## **Mark 16:9-20**

### The Appropriate Ending to Mark

- I. **Introduction:** The ending of Mark has been a disputed passage throughout church history, causing much debate about its inclusion in Mark's Gospel and the New Testament.
  
- II. The Appropriate Ending to Mark (**Mark 16:9-20**).
  - A. How many Greek NT manuscripts are there?
  
  - B. Do the Greek manuscripts contain errors?
  
  - C. Does this passage really belong at the end of Mark?
  
  - D. Why does Mark end his Gospel this way?
  
- III. **Conclusion:** Mark concluded his Gospel with amazement over Jesus, indicating that all those who came into contact with Him were stunned at His words, works, and resurrection.



## **Questions About: The Appropriate Ending to Mark**

1. What is the appropriate ending to the Gospel of Mark? Should we accept the longer ending to Mark? (**Mark 16:9-20**) Should we accept Mark's shorter ending? (**Mark 16:1-8**)
2. What does the Bible claim about itself? (**Matt 4:4; 2 Tim 3:16; 1 Thess 2:13**) Does your Bible contain God's words? Is your English translation accurate? How do you know if it's accurate?
3. How many Greek manuscripts of the New Testament are there? How many copies are in other languages? What did God say about adding to His word? (**Deut 4:2; Prov 30:6; Rev 22:18**)
4. Do the Greek manuscripts contain errors? Does this make the Bible unreliable? How can we be confident that the Bible is inerrant? (**Prov 30:5**) How do the manuscripts guarantee accuracy?
5. What two significant additions to the New Testament exist? (**John 7:53-8:11; Mark 16:9-20**) How can we confidently say they are later additions? What criteria do we use to determine this?
6. Does this passage really belong at the end of Mark or not? (**Mark 16:9-20**) Why does the King James Bible include this passage? Why do the oldest manuscripts not contain this passage?
7. What are some reasons why people have argued that this passage is a later addition? (**Mark 16:9:20**) Where did the writer get this content? Do you believe it belongs in the Bible?
8. Why does Mark end his Gospel abruptly? (**Mark 16:8**) Why is this an appropriate ending? (**Mark 1:22, 27; 2:12; 4:41; 5:15, 33, 42; 6:51; 9:6, 15, 32; 10:24, 32; 11:18; 12:17; 15:5**)

### **Prayer**

1. Pray that you might live in awe and reverence of Jesus, worshiping Him as God's Son.
2. Ask God to give you boldness to share the good news of Jesus with others.