

Recap of 7/21/24 message by Pastor Joe (Mark 16:9-20)

1. *The theme of Mark 16:9-20 is “Jesus lives...we have work to do!”*

2. *The so-called long ending of Mark (16:9-20) is in all likelihood not authenticated, internal evidence favors its exclusion. Where it is repeated in other New Testament passages, it may be historically accurate but not inspired.*

- “The doubtful genuineness of verses 9-20 makes it unwise to build a doctrine or base an experience on them. (esp. vv. 16-18). (Ryrie)

3. *Like Mary Magdalene, we owe Jesus our all.*

4. *Like the disciples we have a commission from God to take the gospel to the world. We are to tell what we know, regardless if people reject our testimony.*

5. *-The basis for condemnation is unbelief—not the lack of any ritual observance. Baptism is not mentioned in 16:16b because it has no part in salvation. It is unbelief that leads to eternal condemnation (see John 3:16-18,36). The only basis for salvation is belief/faith (Ephesians 2:8-10; romans 3:21-24).*

6. *the message and ministry of the apostles was authenticated by sign gifts in the absence of a completed New Testament. Gifts not repeated in the second generation of the Church (Hebrews 2:3,4).*

- “Even before the end of the first century, the sign gifts were no longer the credentials of the apostles. The test was correct doctrine (see 2 John 10). It is the Word of God that is the great sign in this hour.” (McGee)

-There is no warrant here for voluntary snake-handling or drinking poison (vs. 18). Verse 18 is conditional: “if they be compelled to pick-up snakes, if they be compelled to drink poison.” A promise of God’s protection when under persecution.

7. *“[Jesus] is the triumphant One. All He came to do, He did. His return to the Father was that of victorious accomplishment. But it was not the return to inactivity. From that supreme place of authority and power He directs and accompanies all the journeyings and activities of those who are His messengers to men.” (G. Campbell Morgan)*