



Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School



Episode 122 - Never Saw That Coming! (Mark 16)

Nobody Got It

In Mark's Gospel Jesus predicted His suffering, death and resurrection three different times. Each time He was closer to Jerusalem, and each time He gave clearer and more detailed predictions. But no one got it—not the disciples, nor the women either.

- What role did the expectations of Jesus' followers play in their shock, when they saw Him suffer and die and their failure to remember His promise to rise again?
- What expectations for your life have you seen shattered?
- How do God's promises help us pick up the broken pieces and move on?

The Resurrection

Mark is the only Gospel that gives us no account of Jesus' resurrection appearances. But Mark still makes it clear He rose from the dead.

- Why might God have chosen to send angels to announce Jesus' resurrection before having Jesus Himself appear to His followers?
- Mark tells us the women were trembling in astonishment and fled from the tomb. They told no one about the angel's message. What made them so fearful?

Mark's Strange Ending

Read Mark 16:1-8.

- Why do most people think Mark did not intend to end his Gospel here?
- What things seem to be missing?

Read Mark 16:9-20.

- What differences did you notice between the style of these verses and earlier verses in Mark?
- If Mark's original ending is missing, what problems does that raise for you?
- In what ways does Mark's Gospel still make the point that Jesus is God's Son and our Savior, even ending after verse 8?