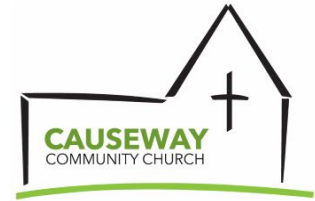


MARK 15:42 - 16:8

SUNDAY 12th APRIL



BIBLE

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Ask God for help for yourself and the church as we read His word
Read Mark 15:42 - 16:8

LISTEN

SERMON BY SPENCER

Follow the link in the email to listen to a sermon on this passage.

REFLECTION

QUESTIONS AND NOTES

- How do we as society deal with the idea of death?
- How do we as Christians deal with the idea of death?
- Evidence
 - Read the passage: what evidence are we given in the passage that Jesus truly died?
 - What is the evidence in the passage that Jesus truly rose?
 - There are a few common theories that deny the resurrection. Think about one in the list below and discuss why that would be unlikely
 - The disciples stole Jesus body
 - The Romans or Jewish authorities stole Jesus body
 - Jesus didn't actually die on the cross and emerged from the tomb later
 - Jesus' appearances after his death were group hysteria
- Resurrection
 - What difference did the resurrection make to the disciples? What changed after Jesus returned?

- How might the truth of the resurrection change how we live now?
- The ending of Mark's gospel is abrupt. What response does the ending of 16:8 stir in you?

→ Summarise and Apply

- What in this passage leads us to worship Jesus?
- What do we learn about ourselves from this passage? How does it lead us to give thanks or repent?
- How might this help us share the good news with our friends and neighbours who don't know Jesus?

PRAYER

RESPOND TO GOD IN PRAISE AND PLEADING

Use the Lord's prayer to help you structure your prayers. Pray in response to the passage, for yourself, the church and others.

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.*

NEWS

SOME UPDATES FROM THE CHURCH

- Pray for Marian's sister who has been unwell with the virus but seems to be recovering well
- Pray for Hazel's next door neighbour Ros who is very anxious
- Praise God that Katharine's brother and sister-in-law are recovering well from the virus
- Pray that we as a church would take opportunities to serve and speak the good news to people in this unusual time
- Kitty has burnt her leg badly. Pray for her recovery

- Sylvia is unable to work during the lockdown so please pray for her
- Pray for Susan as she has to help decide where her Mum will live
- Pray for the care homes we have been involved with (Mayfair Lodge, Cuffley Manor and Coopers Croft). Peter has emailed them to say we are praying for them at this time.