

***STUDIES  
IN  
MARK***



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**LESSON 67**

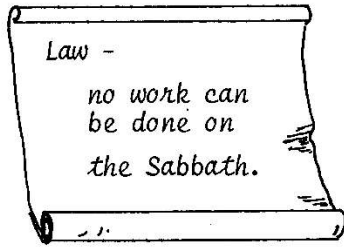
## MARK 16:1-8

### REVIEW:

1. It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon when Jesus died. How long had Jesus been hanging on the cross before He died? \_\_\_\_\_ hours.
2. Who took the body of Jesus away and buried it? \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Who watched while Jesus was buried?  
1) \_\_\_\_\_ and 2) \_\_\_\_\_ , the mother of \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. How was the tomb closed after Jesus was buried? \_\_\_\_\_ .

### READ MARK 16:1-8

#### THE SABBATH DAY



God rested the day after He finished making the world and everything in it. God called that day of rest the Sabbath.

The Jewish law said that no one could work on the Sabbath Day. They said that it was a sin to bury a person on the Sabbath Day, because that was work. This is why Jesus was buried just before the Sabbath began.

Joseph of Arimathaea and Nicodemus were rich men. (John 19:38,39) They buried Jesus in a rich man's tomb. The prophet Isaiah said Jesus would be "with the rich in his death." (Isaiah 53:9)

Jesus' Spirit went to Paradise the day He died. (Luke 23:43) His body rested in the grave till the third day.

The Old Testament tells us that when God created all things in 6 days, He did a great work. Then He rested. The great creation that God made was spoiled by Satan and sin.

The New Testament tells us how Jesus came and lived and died so Satan and sin could be defeated. Jesus made a new creation possible. This great work was finished when He died. (John 19:30) Then His body rested in the grave.

*God created the world in 6 days. Then God rested.*

*Jesus FINISHED the work God gave Him to do. Then Jesus rested.*

Sin has spoiled our lives too. Jesus died to take away the sin in our lives. When we take Him as our Savior, the Holy Spirit will do a new work in our hearts. Then we become “a new creation” in Christ.

“Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature (creation): Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

When our sins are all forgiven, we can find rest too. Jesus said,

“Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

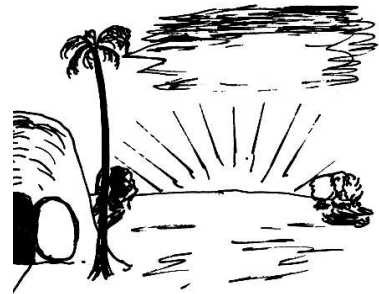
## THE SABBATH WAS PAST

1. In Mark 16:1, who came to Jesus' tomb (grave) when the Sabbath was past? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, the mother of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. How did these women know Jesus was dead? (Mark 15:40)
3. How did they know where Jesus was buried? (Mark 15:47)
4. What did they bring to show their love for Jesus? (Mark 16:1)
5. What were the women going to do with these?
6. Who do you think came to the tomb first? (John 20:1)  
This verse says she came “\_\_\_\_\_”



## THE GREAT STONE DOOR OF THE TOMB

1. The women who came early to the tomb on the first day of the week had a problem. What question did they ask each other as they walked to the tomb? (verse 3) “Who



2. These women with their problem show us a beautiful lesson in faith. They had watched Joseph and Nicodemus bury Jesus. They saw the men roll a big stone over the doorway. It was much too heavy for them to move.

The women could have stayed at home and said, “It can’t be done. We will never be able to move that huge stone. We will never be able to put our spices on the body of our dear Lord.” But faith does NOT say, “It can’t be done.”

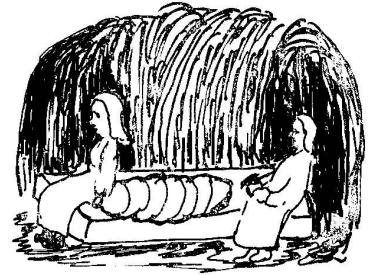
Instead of giving in, the women were up before daylight. They got their spices ready. They went to the tomb even when they knew that the stone was in their way and they could not move it.

The women did not say, “Will we women ever be able to roll away that big stone?” They asked “Who will roll away the stone for us?” Then they saw the answer to their problem. READ Matthew 28:2. Tell in your own words how the stone was rolled back. God used two agents to roll back the stone:

If we look to God in faith we can expect Him to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. Sometimes we might say, “Nothing can be done for that sinner. His heart is too hard. He is too bad, He would never listen to the Gospel.” Let us remember that God has ways to roll back the stone from the door of the hardest heart. Never give up praying!

## ANGELS AT THE TOMB

1. How did God use the angels after His Son was raised from the dead? Matthew 28:2 says an angel rolled back the stone and sat on it. Would it be hard for the angel to do that?



2. The women saw the open tomb. They must have thought, “Now we can get in to anoint the body of Jesus with our sweet spices.” They went into the first room of the rock tomb. A low doorway about two feet high led into the burial room. A man had to stoop down to look inside. (John 20:4,5)  
Whom did the women see, sitting in the burial room? (verse 5)  
How was he dressed? . This young man was an angel.

This angel looked like a young man. He had a message for the women.

1) List the 6 things the angel told the women in verse 6.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

2) List the 2 commands the angel gave to the women in verse 7.

1. 2.
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3) List 2 Reasons for joy that the angel told the women, verse 7.

1. He 2. There They would know this was true because Jesus had told them about it before His death, verse 7.
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4) List 6 things that verse 8 tells us about the women after the angel had spoken to them.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
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The glad message and proof that Jesus was raised from the dead was first given to the women. They were commanded to witness to the disciples that their Christ was no longer dead. He was alive. Jewish law said a woman could not be a witness, but God was greater than the law. Our next lesson will tell how their message was received.

## THE BODY OF JESUS

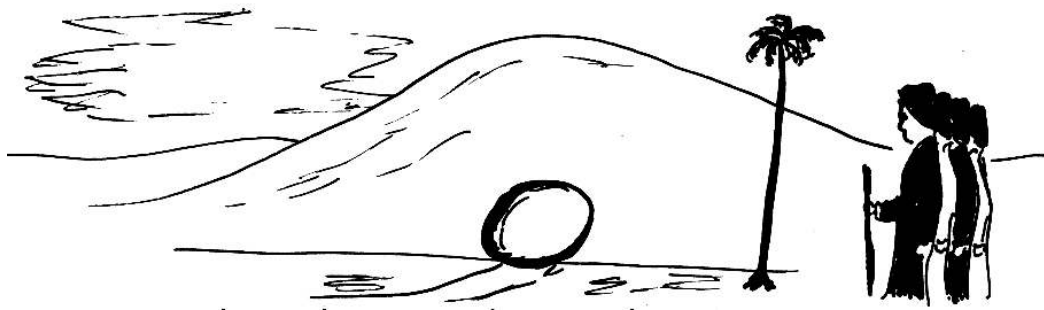
### The body of Jesus was buried.

1. Joseph of Arimathaea went to ask Pilate for the body of Jesus. Pilate let Joseph have the body of Jesus. Because it was evening Joseph buried the body of Jesus in his own grave. Nicodemus helped Joseph. Joseph and Nicodemus were rich men. Nicodemus had brought 100 pounds of sweet spices. (John 19:39,40) These spices were wrapped in the linen cloth they wound around Jesus' body. Only a very rich man could afford 100 pounds of costly spices.
2. Joseph and Nicodemus finished putting the spices and linen cloths around the body of Jesus. Then they rolled a big stone in front of the door. The stone was placed higher than the bottom of the doorway. Two men could easily roll the stone down to the doorway where it dropped into place. No one could get into the grave and no one could come out of the grave.
3. The enemies of Jesus had heard Him say He would come alive again. They did not want this to happen. These enemies asked Pilate to put a guard of soldiers at the tomb to make it safe.

What did Pilate say? (Matthew 27:65)

"Ye have a (guard); go your way, ."

4. The Jewish leaders put a seal on the door of the tomb. They sent the soldiers to watch the grave. Nobody could get in and steal the body of Jesus.



The grave was safe: the stone was sealed. Soldiers watched the grave.

### The body of Jesus arose from the dead.

1. God sent a great earthquake and a mighty angel. The stone was rolled back and the soldiers could not do a thing to stop it. Instead of being brave soldiers they shook with fear. They all fell down flat to the ground like (Matthew 28:4)



2. Some soldiers went and told the chief priests everything that happened. Even then they would not believe. Instead, they paid the soldiers to lie about what they had seen. The lie they were to tell was very stupid. READ Matthew 28:13.

What was the lie?

- 1) His disciples
- 2) they while we

This was a stupid lie, because a soldier would be killed if he slept on duty. How could the soldiers know if the disciples stole the body of Jesus if they were asleep? We do not see what happens while we are asleep!

3. The angel sat on the big stone. What did he look like? (Matthew 28:3) His face was and his clothes were
4. Some of the women came to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away and the tomb was empty. They saw the angel sitting on the stone. What did the angel tell the women? (Matthew 28:6)

“He is ; for He as He said.”

Matthew 28:8 says the women ran with fear and great joy to tell the others. We



too should be filled with joy because we have a **LIVING SAVIOR**.

The disciples saw Jesus. Mary Magdalene saw  
Jesus after He arose. Many other people saw Jesus.



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