

**HAPPY EASTER!**

For a disciple of Jesus, this is the celebration of the great gift of God through Jesus. This is the celebration of what Jesus accomplished for us – eternal life?

How was your Easter celebration?

**THIS IS OUR FINAL WEEK OF “MARK’S GOOD NEWS”**

As we read through “Mark” . . .

- We learned who Jesus is and why He came
- We saw how Jesus equipped disciples through teaching, experiences and ministry
- We read how Jesus forewarned the disciples of what would happen in Jerusalem
- We saw the religious leaders fail in their attempts to entrap Jesus (last week)
- We know that Jesus was fully aware, intentional, and in charge of Jerusalem events
- We were sad as Jesus was mocked, beaten, humiliated, and unjustly condemned

This week’s passage is very powerful; this is the final week and conclusion of Jesus’ life and ministry. Read and pray through Mark 15:22-16:8.

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How does this passage touch your life? What do you feel or ponder?

Who mocked Jesus and what did they say? Why might people say something like this - even today? (15:26-36)

What happened that reveals that God was supernaturally working through Jesus? What do each of these things mean or imply?

Who expressed or acted in faith? What does this reveal to us about disciples and our roles in making disciples of Jesus?

## **DISCUSS TOGETHER**

What has been helpful or challenging to you as we have read through “Mark?”

What have we learned about being or making disciples?

What have you learned about yourself or your place as a disciple?

As you encountered Jesus in “Mark,” what stands out to you? What have you thought and prayed about? What is God saying to you?

## **APPLY IT THIS WEEK**

Three questions apply to everyone: (1) Do I understand who Jesus is and why He came? (2) Have I put my faith in Him as the one who paid for my sins and rose from the dead? (3) Am I following Jesus as a disciple? God wants us to live with Him forever and this is only possible by faith / trust in Jesus. True faith will always be accompanied by repentance and actions. So, am I a disciple? Am I like the widow who gave two coins – am I all in?