**Follow – Gospel of Mark - Wk 39 – Something Borrowed**

**This can’t be… not after what he has done… This is not possible. We thought he was the one - How could this happen?**

**Throughout his ministry Jesus made his mission clear… Mark 10:33 “We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, 34 who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.” (This was the plain graphic violent truth of why Jesus had come)**

**Betrayed by a friend / arrested / dragged thru 7 trials / beaten and scourged nearly to death / condemned to crucifixion / nailed to a cross. Jesus shouts, “it is finished” and gives up his life! A spear to the heart confirms it - Jesus is dead. Fulfilling 350 OT prophecies**

**Mark 15:40 Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, (Wife of Clopas, brother of Joseph who raised Jesus – Jesus’ aunt – Mary’s sister-in-law) and Salome (mother of disciple brothers James & John – sons of Zebedee)**

**John 19 records Jesus’ mother (3 Mary’s) and John were there. John also says Mary’s unnamed sister was there too. (5 women)**

**They were not random people – close family and some friends.**

**41 In Galilee these women had followed him and cared for his needs. Many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem were also there. (Luke 23:27 says others were watching and crying – named eyewitnesses.)**

**42 It was Preparation Day (that is, the day before the Sabbath). (Friday, sabbath begins at sundown – Jesus died at 3pm) So as evening approached, 43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Council, (Jewish council – well known –most likely at Jesus’ trials - prominent witness) who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, (he was looking to Jesus as the Messiah) went boldly to Pilate and asked for Jesus’ body.**

**Risking his reputation with the rest of the council and his reputation with the local authorities.**

**44 Pilate (Gov. officials) was surprised to hear that he was already dead. Summoning the centurion, (forensic specialists) he asked him if Jesus had already died. 45 When he learned from the centurion that it was so, he gave the body to Joseph. (Notice all the names - Mark is listing those who could testify authoritatively Jesus was dead. “Here are names, go ask them” not a hoax”)**

**Jesus was just declared dead by 7 fatal wounds… Face, back, chest, head, hands, feet, side/ Jesus was w/out a doubt dead.**

**Mark confirmed the death with named witnesses / a forensic report / and a legal declaration – and a burial. It seemed over.**

**Day 1 - Friday: Jesus is dead is physically buried**

**(Jewish law prohibits to bury after sunset – they were flying to get it done) Mark 15:46 So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock.**

**How burials worked in Jesus’ day (bone boxes – ossuary) Anointing and wrapping – waiting for decomposition.**

**John records another secret follower helped – John 19:38 Later, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate for the body of Jesus. Now Joseph was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly because he feared the Jewish leaders. With Pilate’s permission, he came and took the body away. 39 He was accompanied by Nicodemus, the man who earlier had visited Jesus at night… (John 3)**

**John tells us that the tomb was brand new at a nearby garden. Due to time and availability this is where they took him. Joseph’s grave was a well-known location, not a secret.**

**Mark 15:46b Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where he was laid.**

**The stone was rolled over the doorway of the tomb.**

**Fade to black. Darkness – Jesus is buried. Pause…**

**Day 2 – Saturday (Sabbath): Jesus physical body sat dead in the grave**

**On the Sabbath they were not to do anything – even tend to the body of Jesus – with a rushed burial – they waited – they cried – they prayed – they were numb**

**Reality sets in, knots in stomach, empty feelings of loss - the grave told them - “It was over” – their dreams were buried**

**Maybe it’s a Saturday in your life today… Sunday is coming!**

**Day 3 - Sunday: Day three – Jesus is back!**

**Mark 16:1 When the Sabbath was over, (Sunday) Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus’ body. (Finish the burial process takes a year) 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”**

**Perhaps that is your Q today- Who will roll the stone away?**

**That barrier – dead dreams - dead marriage - lost relationship - sickness - bitterness - depression - grief - hopelessness - fear - that dark tomb is sealed. Who will role that stone away? You’re not strong enough. You can’t – who can – who will?**

**4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. (LOOK UP!) As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. (Luke says 2 angels – only one spoke) 6 “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. (This was as unbelievable to them as it is to us today - Greek culture & many Jewish people did not believe in personal resurrection)**

**You see - that angel rolled the stone away not so Jesus could out, but so they could get in – and see the faithful of God!**

**Mark 15:7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter, (tell those faithless backstabbers – the chicken boys I’m coming for them - Mark is believed to be the transcribed notes of Peter – I can imagine a lump & tears when Peter got to this point…) ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”**

**“You will see him” This good news rest on eyewitnesses, firsthand experience and accounts – just as he told you!!!!**

**8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. (Traditional ending of Mark)**

**This is not about, not telling the disciples but going straight to the disciples – they did not tell anyone on the way – they were not shouting it and telling everyone. They did what Jesus said.**

**There are different versions of the resurrection in the 4 gospels.**

**All we used was Mark – but how do they fit together?**

**The Harmony of the Gospels… As you can imagine – chaos?!?!**

**Keep in mind – it as about a 15-minute walk to the tomb**

* **Friday - Jesus is buried**

**(Matthew 27:57-61; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42).**

* **Sat - The tomb is sealed, and solders are set to guard it**

**(Matthew 27:62-66)**

* **Sun - Angel rolls the stone away - An earthquake, guards faint (Matthew 28:2-4)**
* **The guards, run and report the empty tomb to Jewish authorities, who then bribe the guards to say body was stolen (Matthew 28:11-15)**
* **4 women: Mary Magdalene, Mary mother of James, Salome, Joanna go to the tomb (Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1, Luke 24:10, John 20:1)**
* **The women see two angels who tell them that Jesus is risen**

**(Matt 28:5-7; Mark 16:2-8; Luke 24:1-8)**

* **Mary Magdalene leaves and runs to tell the disciples (John 20:1-2)**
* **Mary mother of James and the other women return back, on their way to find the disciples, see Jesus (Matthew 28:8-10)**
* **All the women tell the disciples what they have seen (Luke 24:9-11)**
* **Peter and John run to the tomb, and see that it is empty and return**

**(Luke 24:12; John 20:2-10)**

* **Mary Magdalene returns to tomb, sees 2 angels – and then Jesus**

**(John 20:11-18)**

* **Jesus then appears to Peter (Luke 24:34; 1 Cor 15:5)**
* **Still same day, Jesus appears to 2 disciples on a road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) (One was Cleopas – Jesus’ uncle)**
* **That night - Jesus appears to ten disciples - Thomas is missing**

**(Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25)**

* **A week later Jesus appears to all eleven disciples – w/ Thomas**

**(John 20:26-31)**

* **Another week later Jesus appears to all eleven disciples in Galilee**

**(John 21:1-25)**

**11 physical sightings of Jesus over 40 days. This Resurrection is a historical truth – not a religious myth. JESUS IS ALIVE!!!!**

**What are we to do with this? What does this mean for us?**

**WHY IT MATTERS – If Jesus did rise again…**

**\* If Jesus did rise… it proves Jesus can’t be taken lightly**

**John 14:6/ Gal 5:19-21/ Matt 10:28 / Luke 18:29-30/ 2 Cor 4:17/ Matt6:19-21**

**It proves everything Jesus said about himself is absolutely true!**

**He is who he claimed to be! God the Holy One in the flesh – that the kingdom is real – that his teachings are to be followed.**

**We serve a living God! He is not dead!**

 **\*If Jesus did rise… it proves the cross truly paid for our sin**

**Ephesians 1:18-20/ Romans 8:28-31/ Matthew 11:28-29**

**Then that cross was actual payment / ransom for our sin. Then that shed blood is power to all who believe – power to touch anyone.**

**Nothing is too messed up for God, not even you.**

**The justice for our sinful crimes against God has been met - paid in full! Jesus paid a debt! The check has been written; the deposit is ready to receive. Because the tomb is empty, by faith we’re truly forgiven! Every sin!**

**(Larry Osborne) \*We all have a problem we can’t FIX. / \*Jesus paid the price to FIX IT. / \*The resurrection is the proof He FIXED IT.**

**\* If Jesus did rise… it proves this life is not the end**

**That the kingdom of heaven is not wishful thinking, for those who trust in Jesus - Hell will not be our destiny!**

**1 Cor 15:20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (Preview of what is to come for us and those who have died) 21 For since death came through a man, (Adam) the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. (Jesus) 22 For as in Adam all die, so in Christ (those in Christ) all will be made alive. 23 But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; (Jesus was first) then, when he comes, those who belong to him.**

**As Jesus was resurrected, those in Christ will be resurrected and given a new body - not just repaired - but a perfect new version. (Sick family) (2 Cor 5 =new body) We live again - next life is just the beginning!**

**1st advent – He saved us spiritually**

**2nd advent – He will save us physically**

**1 Cor 15:26 At the return - the last enemy destroyed is death.**

**Because Jesus lives – we do not need to be afraid of the end.**

**If you are in Christ –You do not need to be afraid of his return.**

**\*If Jesus did rise… It means our priorities change BIG TIME!**

**Luke 18:29-30/ 2 Corinthians 4:17/ Matthew 6:19-21**

**Then the creator and Lord – Jesus – who calls us to reckless abandon to follow Him and his way – it rightly doing so.**

**If it’s true - our pursuits and mission in life changes.**

**Then Jesus is worth dropping everything to follow.**

**IF IT’S TRUE, WHAT SHOULD WE DO?**

**(Peter tells this good news in his first sermon in Acts 2) Acts 2:37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 Peter replied, “Repent (turning from self and turning to Jesus – acknowledgement of who he is and what he did – admitting your need) and be baptized, (an outward express of an inward work) every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. (This is not a formula – but a reference to the authority of Jesus by which we do this) And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (When you are born again – the HS moves in) 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”**

**Do what do we do if we believe this?**

** Repent  Get baptized  Seek to know and do His will**

 **Baptism July 18**

**I want to end by pointing out something about those secret followers**

**Rise of the quite – the background Christians stepped to the front!**

* **A good start – does not guarantee and a strong finish! (Pharisees)**

**2 Chronicles 26/ Matthew 13:1-23 & 21:28-32/ 1 Peter 5:9/ 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

* **A bad start – does not mean you cannot finish strong! (Nick & Joe)**

**John 19:38-42/ 1 Timothy 1:12-16/ Matthew 21:28-32/ Proverbs 24:16/ 1 Cor 6:11**

* **Never write off anyone – including yourself!**

**Mark 2:17/ Revelation 12:10/ 1 John 2:1-2**

**Freedom in Jesus!!!!**

**Prayer!!!**