

Mark 15:16-16:8

16 The soldiers led Him away into the palace (that is, the governor's residence) and called the whole company together. 17 They dressed Him in a purple robe, twisted together a crown of thorns, and put it on Him. 18 And they began to salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 19 They were hitting Him on the head with a stick and spitting on Him. Getting down on their knees, they were paying Him homage. 20 After they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the purple robe and put His clothes on Him. They led Him out to crucify Him. 21 They forced a man coming in from the country, who was passing by, to carry Jesus's cross. He was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. 22 They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of the Skull). 23 They tried to give Him wine mixed with myrrh, but He did not take it. 24 Then they crucified Him and divided His clothes, casting lots for them to decide what each would get.

25 Now it was nine in the morning when they crucified Him. 26 The inscription of the charge written against Him was: The King of the Jews. 27 They crucified two criminals, with Him, one on His right and one on His left. 29 Those who passed by were yelling insults at Him, shaking their heads, and saying, "Ha! The One who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, 30 save Yourself by coming down from the cross!" 31 In the same way, the chief priests with the scribes were mocking Him among themselves and saying, "He saved others, but He cannot save Himself! 32 Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross, so that we may see and believe." Even those who were crucified with Him taunted Him.

33 When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon., 34 And at three Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lemá sabachtháni?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You abandoned Me?" 35 When some of those standing there heard this, they said, "See, He's calling for Elijah." 36 Someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, fixed it on a stick, offered Him a drink, and said, "Let's see if Elijah comes to take Him down." 37 Jesus let out a loud cry and breathed His last. 38 Then the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. 39 When the centurion, who was standing opposite Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, "Truly this Man was the Son of God!",

40 There were also women watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Jesus, and Salome. 41 In Galilee these women followed Him and took care of Him. Many other women had come up with Him to Jerusalem.

42 When it was already evening, because it was the day of preparation (that is, the day before the Sabbath), 43 Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent member of the Sanhedrin who was himself looking forward to the kingdom of God, came and boldly went to Pilate and asked for Jesus's body. 44 Pilate was surprised that He was already dead. Summoning the centurion, he asked him whether He had already died. 45 When he found out from the centurion, he gave the corpse to Joseph. 46 After he bought some linen cloth, Joseph took Him down and wrapped Him in the linen. Then he laid Him in a tomb cut out of the rock and rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb. 47 Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus were watching where He was laid.

16 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they could go and anoint Him. 2 Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb at sunrise. 3 They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone

from the entrance to the tomb for us?” 4 Looking up, they noticed that the stone—which was very large—had been rolled away. 5 When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side; they were alarmed. 6 “Don’t be alarmed,” he told them. “You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they put Him. 7 But go, tell His disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see Him there just as He told you.’ ” 8 They went out and ran from the tomb, because trembling and astonishment overwhelmed them. And they said nothing to anyone, since they were afraid.

[Some of the earliest manuscripts conclude with 16:8.]

THE LONGER ENDING OF MARK:

[⁹ Early on the first day of the week, after He had risen, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had driven seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and reported to those who had been with Him, as they were mourning and weeping. ¹¹ Yet, when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe it.

¹² After this, He appeared in a different form to two of them walking on their way into the country. ¹³ And they went and reported it to the rest, who did not believe them either.

¹⁴ Later He appeared to the Eleven themselves as they were reclining at the table. He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who saw Him after He had risen. ¹⁵ Then He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: In My Name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes; if they should drink anything deadly, it will not harm them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well.”

¹⁹ So the Lord Jesus, after speaking to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word by the accompanying signs.]