

## **Introduction To The Gospel of Mark:**

**Mark is the shortest of all the Gospels, containing 16 chapters. It is believed to have been written somewhere between A.D. 55-59, during the early part of the Emperor Nero's reign (A.D. 54-68). Around 92 percent of material contained in Mark is also found in Matthew and about 48 percent is included in Luke. Unlike Matthew and Luke, Mark does not record any resurrection appearances of Jesus. Mark presents Christ as the Messiah, because He is the Son of God, and presents His death as the suffering Son of Man as God's plan of salvation for the world. Mark's Gospel shows how Jesus cared for His disciples and taught them how to care and minister to others, leading them to faith in Christ. The major source of the material in this Gospel was obtained from the preaching and instruction of the Apostle Peter. Mark also had contact with Barnabas and the Apostle Paul (Acts 13:5,12; 15:39.) Many scholars believe that Mark was the first Gospel written and that Matthew and Luke used it as a source document for their writing.**

**Printed Text: Mark 16: 1-8**

**Background Text: Matthew 28: 1-7; Luke 24: 1 – 12, 41-43**

**Devotional Reading: Psalm 16:10; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-17**

**The Resurrected Christ:**

**Mark 16: 1-8**

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**Small Group Discussion Questions:**

1. What lessons can we learn from the resurrection of Jesus?
2. How has the resurrection changed the life of every believer?
3. Why do you think the greatest event in history, the resurrection, is mentioned so simply "He is risen"?
4. What message did the angel give to Mary and Mary Magdalene?

**Next Week: Mark 16: 9 - 20**