

Scared and Skeptical on Easter **Mark 16:1-14**

Return to the tomb, 16:1-4

- ❖The women's goal was just to anoint Jesus' body, recall 14:8.
An angel dealt w/the stone and soldier problem, Matt.28:2,11.
- ❖Seeing the tomb empty, Mary runs to Peter & John, Jn. 20:1-3.

Report Jesus has risen, 16:5-8

- ❖Mild rebuke by the angel is more obvious in Lk. 24:4-8.
- ❖Command = report He has risen and He'll meet them in Galilee.
- ❖Response = scared silent at 1st, but see Matt. 28:7ff., Lk. 24:9.
16:8 is viewed by many as the end of Mark. If so, it sure makes for an odd ending—no climactic fulfillment, just silent fear.

Refusal to believe, 16:9-14

- ❖16:9-14 is textually questionable, but it appears very accurate.
- ❖Jesus appeared first to Mary (Jn. 20:14), then to other women on the way to the 11 (Matt. 28:9) as Peter & John run to tomb.
- ❖Extreme skepticism of the men: Lk. 24:11, 22-25, Jn. 20:25
- ❖Why the slowness to believe the women's resurrection story?
Consider Jesus' many predictions—8:31, 9:9,31, 10:34, 14:28!
- ❖Harsh rebuke in 14 recalls earlier problems with the disciples:
heart issue--6:52, 8:17, 10:5,
faith issue---4:40, Matt. 17:19,20, Lk. 24:25,38-41, Jn. 20:29.

QUESTION:

**HOW IS MY
HEART AND
WHAT IS MY
FAITH IN THIS
EASTER?**

