

Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further
International Bible Lessons

Mark 16:1-8

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Some Bible study groups or classes can further discussion by asking some or all of the **Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further** below. Others may want to send the bulletin size *International Bible Lesson* home with their students for further study in the coming week to encourage continuing Bible study. The *Study Hints for Discussion and Thinking Further* below are not actually intended to be *the answers* to the discussion questions. These indeed are “hints” a teacher may use to help students think through and discuss the questions in class. The *Class Preparation Guide* includes the questions below, and it can be given to students at the end of the previous class so they can pray, read, and think ahead to prepare for the next week’s Bible class.

Questions for Discussion and Thinking Further

1. If you had been one of Jesus’ disciples, would you have left as soon as possible for Galilee to meet Jesus there after He was crucified?

No. I would have thought that He could not meet me there now, because He had been crucified and buried and there was no reason now to go to Galilee except to hide and try to survive. I would not have thought about the possibility that Jesus would rise from the dead and meet me in Galilee.

2. Who were the women who went to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body? Who were some of their children?

Mary Magdalene, Mary (mother of James and Joses or Joseph), Salome (mother of James and John, sons of Zebedee).

3. Do you think the women expected Jesus to rise from the dead? Give a reason for your answer.

No. They went to anoint Jesus’ body at the tomb. They were concerned about how to roll the stone away to enter the tomb. They had no expectation that Jesus’ body would not be in the tomb and suffering some decay.

4. What did the angel tell the women?

“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. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, he is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you” (Mark 16:6-7).

5. Why do you think the angel mentioned Peter by name specifically along with Jesus’ disciples?

Peter might have felt too ashamed to even think he might still be considered one of Jesus' disciples. He might have thought he should leave the disciples and let the others go because Jesus might not want him anymore as a disciple. This would be the beginning of Peter's spiritual healing and restoration as a disciple and apostle of Jesus.

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