

Convergence

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The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark 1:1

Gospel = *evangelion* = _____

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.”

Mark 16:15

THREE CONVERGING STORYLINES

1. _____

The beginning...

Mark 1:1; Genesis 1:1

“For Mark the introduction of Jesus is no less momentous than the creation of the world, for in Jesus a new creation is at hand.”

- James R. Edwards

2. _____

...of the gospel of Jesus Christ...

Mark 1:1

***Christos* = _____ = “the anointed one”**

3. _____

...the Son of God.

Mark 1:1

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Him. Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, they went to the tomb at sunrise. They were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone from the entrance to the tomb for us?”

Looking up, they observed that the stone – which was very large – had been rolled away. When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; they were amazed and alarmed. “Don’t be alarmed,” he told them. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has been resurrected! He is not here! See the place where they put Him. 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.’”

So they went out and started running from the tomb, because trembling and astonishment overwhelmed them. And they said nothing to anyone, since they were afraid.

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

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

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 been resurrected.

Mark 16:1-14

Then after speaking with them, the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the accompanying signs.

Mark 16:19-20

And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Therefore, those who have fallen asleep in Christ have also perished. If we have put our hope in Christ for this life only, we should be pitied more than anyone.

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ, the firstfruits; afterward, at His coming, those who belong to Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:17-23

* All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted