

# Mark: The Unexpected

15:40-16:8



1. What insight, observation, or question do you have from this week's reading plan?
2. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
3. What unexpected events have you experienced? Were they positive or negative?
4. As you think through the Gospel of Mark and the story of Jesus, what were some unexpected events in the gospel?
5. Read Mark 15:40-16:3. What did the disciples, Joseph, and the women believe about Jesus? What did they expect of Jesus?
6. Read Mark 16:4-8. What evidence of the Resurrection did the women receive? What other evidence can you think of or have you heard, for the resurrection? Why do you think the women responded the way they did (vs. 8)?
7. Alvin mentioned that evidence alone doesn't change us. In what ways do you agree or disagree with this statement?
8. Mark ends his gospel in an interesting way. Alvin suggested that it invites us to write our own story into God's ongoing story; how we will we respond to Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus has risen, but has He risen in you? Why is this question "the question" when it comes to Easter and the good news of Jesus?
9. How does an encounter with Jesus, combined with faith in Him, really change us? Pray together.