

FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Read Mark 15:42-47.** Who asked for the body of Jesus to bury Him in a tomb? What position did that man have? Who else observed the burial of Jesus? Besides those individuals, who else is in the narrative? What were their positions? Were they all believers of Christ? Where were Jesus' disciples at that time? **Read verse 39.** Who became a believer at Jesus' crucifixion? Compare and contrast all these individuals. What does this tell us about belief/disbelief? Was risk involved for some of these individuals to accept Jesus as Messiah and Savior?

2. Why did the two Marys go back to the tomb the next day? What did they expect to see and do? **Read Matthew 27:62-66.** What measures were taken to secure the tomb where Jesus' body was laid and why?

3. **Read Mark 16:7.** What did the angel instruct the women to do? Why didn't they do it? **Read vss. 9-11.** What did the women tell the disciples? Did they believe? **Read vss. 12-13.** To whom did Jesus appear? Who did they tell? Did they believe?

4. **Read Mark 16:14-18.** To whom did Jesus appear? How did He deal with unbelief? What did He command them to do?

5. **Read Mark 16:16-20.** Will all who hear the gospel believe? Should that influence one's witness of the gospel (see vs. 20)?

6. What tends to hinder us from sharing the gospel? Discuss all the obstacles that we Christians tend to put in the way of us from sharing the gospel. Are they legitimate reasons? How can we combat those excuses?

7. What meaning does Christianity have without the resurrection? In what way does the resurrection set Christianity apart from other religions? Why is the resurrection so important to believers?