

# MARK THE KING AND THE CROSS

E. The closing verses introduce us to \_\_\_\_\_ not mentioned in the gospel (picking up snakes, speaking in tongues, drinking poison).

F. Most of the ending is a \_\_\_\_\_ of quotations from other gospels.

### 3. What does the \_\_\_\_\_ ending of the Gospel of Mark teach us?

A. Jesus is the Son of \_\_\_\_\_.

*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
Mark 1:1 (ESV)*

B. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_!

*And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. Mark 16:8 (ESV)*

#### Life Group Questions

1. What stood out in this message? What did you learn you didn't know?
2. How did learning the careflessness used in copying the Old Testament change the confidence you have about the Bible we have in our hands?
3. How did learning the number and age of New Testament documents, especially when compared to all other documents we possess from antiquity, bolster your confidence in the Bible?
4. What evidence do we have that Mark 16:9-20 was not written by Mark? Why did some early English translations (like the King James Version) include it?
5. Why is the real ending of Mark's Gospel (Mark 16:8), an appropriate ending though it is short ending?
6. Mark wants us to see Jesus as the Son of God and to see Jesus as amazing. How has your love for Jesus grown as we studied Mark's gospel?
7. Spend time in prayer thanking God for Mark's gospel. Thank God for helping us know Jesus more and love Jesus better as we studied Mark together.

### Mark 16:9-20 – The Amazing Ending Of The Gospel Of Mark

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### 1. The external evidence of text \_\_\_\_\_ proves Mark's final verses do not belong.

A. The Old Testament is accurate because it was carefully copied by \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The New Testament is accurate because of the numerous \_\_\_\_\_ that remain.

C. The New Testament is accurate because of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### A. Famous Manuscripts Before 325 A.D.

• Rylands Papyrus (P-52)

• Bodmer Papyrus

• Chester Betty Papyrus

**B. Famous Manuscripts After 325 A.D.**

- Codex Sinaiticus
  
- Codex Vaticanus

**D. The New Testament is accurate because of the age of its \_\_\_\_\_.**

- Latin
  
- Syriac

**E. The New Testament is accurate because of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of quotations by early church leaders.**

**F. The New Testament is accurate because there are more copies of it than \_\_\_\_\_ from ancient history.**

- Homer's Iliad
  
- Herodotus' history
  
- Thucydides history of the Peloponnesian wars

**G. How do we know Mark 16:9-20 was \_\_\_\_\_ part of Mark?**

- These verses do not appear in the \_\_\_\_\_ of this gospel.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sinaiticus and \_\_\_\_\_ Vaticanus do not have these verses.
  
- Early church leaders knew that some copies of Mark's gospel had these extra verses. They said they were \_\_\_\_\_ original.
  - Eusebius (280 A.D.)
  
  - Jerome (390 A.D.)
  
  - Justin Martyr (180 A.D.)
  
  - Taitain (180 A.D.)

**2. The internal evidence of text \_\_\_\_\_ proves Mark's final verses do not belong.**

- A. A transition between v.8 and v.9 is \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- B. Verse 8 ends in the \_\_\_\_\_ tense. Verse 9 begins in the \_\_\_\_\_ tense.
  
- C. Verse 9 introduces us to Mary Magdalene. She was already in this gospel three times. She is not a \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- D. The Greek vocabulary is not \_\_\_\_\_ with the rest of Mark.