

Series: The Kingdom Is Here
Passage: Mark 16
Speaker: Pastor Jon

THE LIFE CHALLENGE

CONNECT

When people tell a story, some of us are focused intently on getting every detail correct (sometimes annoyingly so) and others of us enjoy stretching facts for the impact or flow of the story.

What kind of story-teller are you?



IDENTITY

How does the end of Mark, with its italics, interruptions and footnotes, make you feel? Why? Does this bring up questions or struggles for you about the authenticity or trustworthiness of Scripture? Why or why not?

Pastor Jon said that the resurrection of Jesus begs a response from every heart. Do you think this is true? Why or why not? What is compelling to you about the resurrection of Jesus?

Ending 1: Fear
Ending 2: Religion
Ending 3.1: Doubt
Ending 3.2:
Transformation

THE EXAMEN

The truth is that we can live in **any part of this story** on any given day. The endings aren't so much conclusive as fluid. As you think about your own heart today, what "ending" or part of the story are you walking in?

Take a moment together to listen to Jesus. What encouragement or invitation might He be giving for each situation?

PRACTICE

Jesus is alive. He is present with you now in the room where you are gathering. He moves by His Spirit over us and through us.

If you are comfortable, have someone lead a **song** of worship.

Take a few minutes to **wait quietly** on the presence of Jesus.

Focus on **being with Jesus** and loving Him in this moment.

Share any impressions, pictures, words or Scripture that come to mind.

*How will you
respond to the claim
that Jesus is alive?*

PRAY TOGETHER

The extended ending of Mark offers a challenge to us about praying with confidence. Specifically in the area of **healing and freedom**. If you are comfortable, share physical or emotional needs in the group or connected to you. **Then lay hands on one another and pray!** *Jesus loves to heal!*