

# EASTER

*The Day that Changed Everything*

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## BE AMAZED MARK 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup> When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the *mother* of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might come and anoint Him. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. <sup>3</sup> They were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> Looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away, although it was extremely large. <sup>5</sup> Entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe; and they were amazed. <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, "**Do not be amazed; you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified. He has risen;** He is not here; behold, *here is* the place where they laid Him." <sup>7</sup> But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see Him, just as He told you.'" <sup>8</sup> They went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had gripped them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

### "Do not be amazed"

The angel's words help us remember that many things might amaze us, but Jesus is what matters most.

### "He has risen"

Jesus coming back to life in power is the most amazing thing that has happened in all of history.

### "You are looking for Jesus"

Just like the women in this biblical passage, we are all looking for Jesus. His resurrection is what grants us all hope, joy, power, grace, forgiveness and purpose. We find all we are searching for in Jesus.

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."* **Romans 6:23**

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."* **Ephesians 2:8-9**

*"If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."* **Romans 10:9**

**Response:** This is the day that changed everything. Can this be the day that everything changes for you? Please fill out the [My Response Card](#) and drop it in the offering bag as a way to tangibly respond to what God is doing in your heart today.

## DIGGING DEEPER:

“**Amazed**” in the Biblical Greek - “ekthambeō” – awestruck, overwhelmed with wonder, astonished, alarmed

**Amazement** with Jesus is a common theme because Jesus is amazing! Here are several verses from the book of Mark in the Bible that talk about people being amazed by Jesus:

1. Mark 1:22 - They were amazed at His teaching.
2. Mark 1:27 - They were all amazed.
3. Mark 2:12 - He healed the paralytic and they were all amazed.
4. Mark 4:41 - After Jesus calmed the storm “they became very much afraid. Who then is this that even the winds and the sea obey him?”
5. Mark 5:43 - Immediately the (dead) girl got up and began to walk and immediately they were completely astounded.
6. Mark 6:51 - Jesus walks on water “and they were utterly astonished.”
7. Mark 9:15 - After the transfiguration “they were amazed and ran to meet Him.”
8. Mark 10:24 - The disciples were amazed at His words.
9. Mark 10:32 - “Jesus was walking ahead of them and they were amazed and those who followed were fearful.”
10. Mark 11:18 - After Jesus clears the Temple, “they were afraid of Him for the whole crowd was amazed at His teaching.”
11. Mark 12:17 - After He says to give to Caesar what is Caesar’s - “and they were amazed at Him.”

## NEXT STEPS:

**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY:** The act of blessing is deeply rooted in the Biblical narrative and bears a wide range of meaning over our lives. Come take a closer look with us into a famous Biblical blessing given from God to His people, found in Numbers 6:24-26, in our new series: *The Blessing* - Sundays at 9:30 am, April 28-May 26 in the Worship Center Auditorium. Learn more details about Sunday mornings at Calvary at [calvarylife.org/sunday](http://calvarylife.org/sunday)

**BE BAPTIZED:** Baptism is a great celebration event where those who have become followers of Jesus “go public” with their decision. Come learn more about the biblical meaning and method of water baptism at our next Baptism Class on Sunday, May 19 at 11:00 am in the Worship Center Prayer Room. This will help you prepare to take part in the Baptisms happening on May 26 in the 9:30 am service. Discover more about this important step of faith for all believers to take at [calvarylife.org/baptism](http://calvarylife.org/baptism)

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