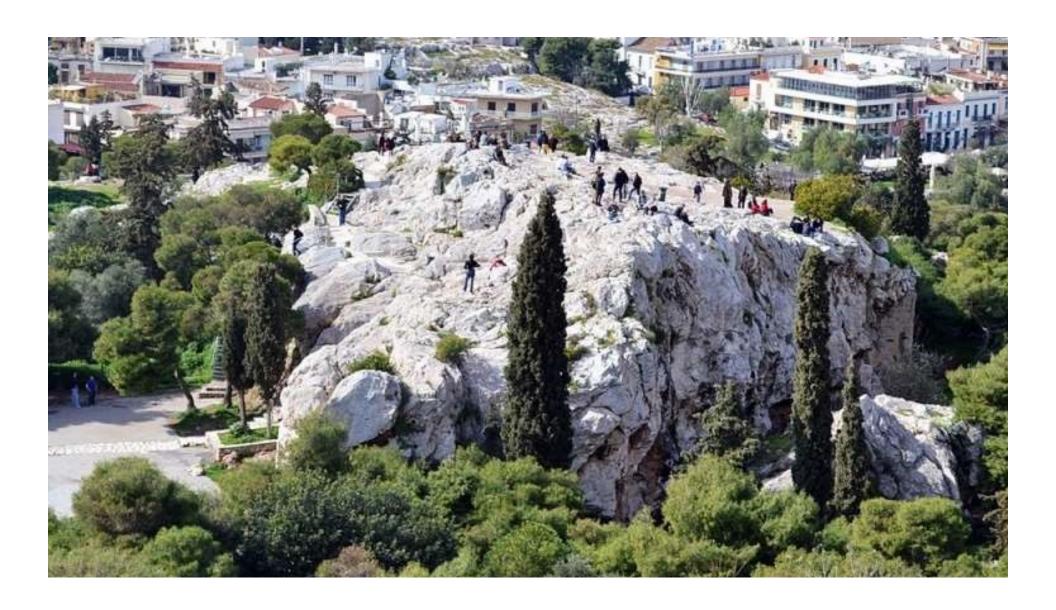
Memory Verse

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.







Acts 17:26-34

And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, 28for "In him

Acts 17:26-34

we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, "'For we are indeed his offspring." 29Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. 30The times of ignorance God

Acts 17:26-34 overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead." 32Now when they heard of the

Acts 17:26-34 resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, "We will hear you again about this." 33So Paul went out from their midst. 34But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Paul called these Gentiles to repentance because a day of judgment is coming. This is also part of our evangelism. Then he transitions to Jesus, saying God raised Him from the dead. Some mocked, some wanted to hear more and some believed.



S - Scourging – Mark 15:11-15

But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. 12And Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" 13And they cried out again, "Crucify him." 14And Pilate said to

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them, "Why? What evil has he done?"
But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him." 15So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

S - Scourging – Mark 15:11-15

What is scourging? It was a brutal beating. Roman soldiers tied the person to a stump, naked and beat him with a cat-o-9 tails type weapon. At the end of the leather straps, were pieces of bones, glass, etc. that grabbed the skin and tore it away from the body.

C - Crucifixion and Cave — Mark 15:33-39

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 35And some of the

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bystanders hearing it said, "Behold, he is calling Elijah." 36And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." 37And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed

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his last. 38And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"

C - Crucifixion and Cave — Mark 15:33-39 Jesus died for a purpose: to die in our place, for our sins. This is the substitutionary atonement of Jesus. This is important for you to know and understand too. We cannot be good enough to come to God. We cannot do anything to become right with God.

C - Crucifixion and Cave — Mark 15:33-39

We must come to God His way, on His terms, and that is only through faith alone, in Christ alone, by God's grace alone. To try to come to God apart from faith in Jesus is to insult God and say the gift of His perfect Son was not enough.

C - Crucifixion and Cave — Mark 15:33-39

In Mark 15:42-47 we find that Pilate gave the body of Jesus to Joseph of Arimathea. Christ was buried, testifying proving that He was dead. But something happened. The tomb or Cave became empty. Jesus started showing up to others 3 days later.

A - Appearances — Mark 16:9-13

Verses 9-20 are not in some of the early manuscripts, but the text is attested to by the other Gospels and Acts. These include some of the appearances of Christ. In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul refers to others, including to over 500 people who saw Jesus at one time.

A - Appearances - Mark 16:9-13

The disciples and Apostles didn't die for a lie. No one willingly dies for what they know is a lie! They saw Him, touched Him, ate with Him, listened to Him and were with Him after His resurrection, which is our R and we will get to in a moment.

R - Resurrection and Return — Mark 16:1-7

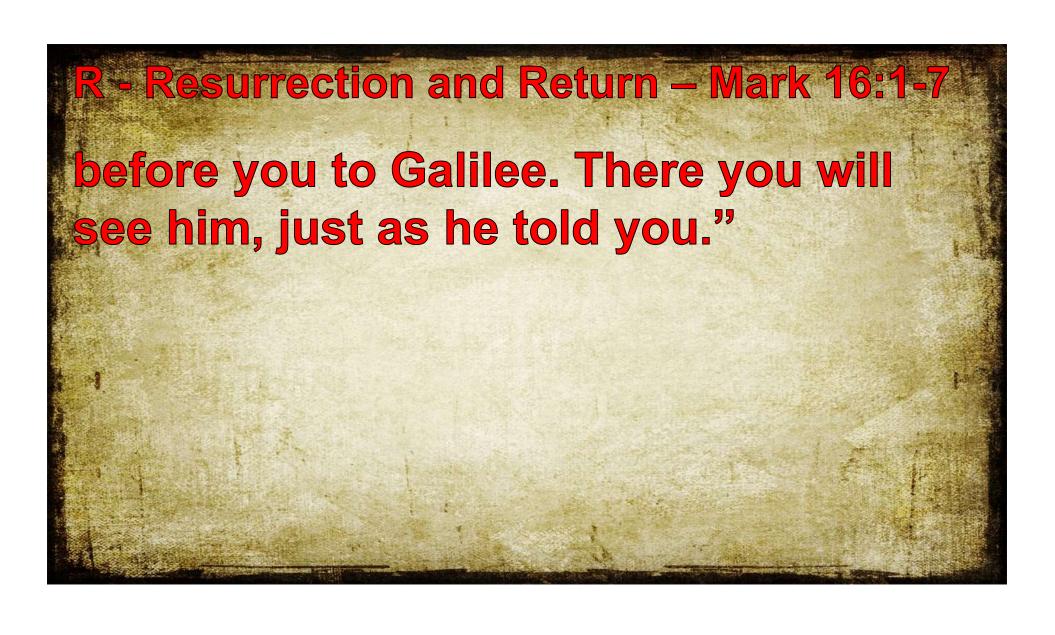
Mark 16:1-7. When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.3And they were

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saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" 4And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back - it was very large. 5And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed

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in a white robe, and they were alarmed. 6And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going



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Jesus was scourged, crucified and buried. After 3 days, something dramatic, amazing and exciting happened. Jesus came back to life in the same body that died. He was not resuscitated but resurrected, in a new glorified body.

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The Jesus who died as the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world is the same Jesus who will return as King of kings and judge the world. When we share the gospel with others, we must share about the resurrection and if possible, His return to judge the world.

Ephesians 2:8-9. Once we tell someone that they are a sinner, that Jesus died in their place, that He didn't stay buried or dead, but appeared to many because He resurrected from the dead, they need to hear about what to do next!

If you talk with someone who believes this ask – How many good works are enough? Ask, Have you ever lied? Have you ever taken God's Name in vain? Have you ever stolen something? Have you ever disrespected your parents?

This helps erase any idea that works can save someone. To believe that works an save is an offense to God and is spitting in His face. He HAS provided one way and one way alone for salvation – by grace through faith in Jesus alone.

God's righteousness is given to those who trust in Jesus. Have you trusted Jesus for salvation? Have you turned away from your sin and put your faith in Jesus alone for salvation, because of God's amazing grace?

Prayer

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Philippians 4:6

