

Mark | the way of the cross

He is Going Ahead of You

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Mark 15:42-16:8

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Introduction: Jesus says: "Follow me." But how? Not by following a set of rules, but by being caught up in good news. The story of Jesus, as the gospel of Mark tells it, is the story of good news and a new way. A better way. To be "on the way" with Jesus is let the good news have its way in every dimension of our lives. The six weeks before Easter (called "Lent") is a traditional time to "repent and believe the good news" (Mark 1:15). Now our study of Mark's account comes to its climax, and we learn that the way of the cross is the way of life. Even here Jesus invites us: "Follow me."

Review: The King always has one more move. How did this declaration of the power of God encourage you this week?

Read: Mark 15:42-16:8

Prayer: Holy God, open up this scripture to us so that we can see you more clearly. Amen

Discussion:

1. What does Joseph of Arimathea do in this passage? How did God go ahead of Joseph? (Read also Matthew 10:16-20 and Exodus 4:10-12)

2. What were Mary, Mary and Salome planning to do? How did God go before the women? (Read also Mark 14:8 and Mark 8:31)

3. Why should the disciples recognize Jesus in the message that was sent? (Read also Mark 14:27-28)

4. What are some examples of how God has gone ahead for you? Read John 14:1-4

Application: Look to see how God is working in your life.

Prayer: Father, thank you for how you go ahead of us and meet us. Help us to see you in all of our lives. Amen.