

**Mark 16:1-8**

**What If He Had Not Risen?**





1. Are you (we) waiting for someone to “roll the stone away”?

Mk. 16:3-4 And they were saying to one another, "Who will *roll away the stone* for us from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 And looking up, they saw that the stone *had been rolled back*-- it was very large.



**2. The empty tomb is a reminder that God redeems evil and suffering.**

**A. Rekindle faith.**

**B. Allow crisis to stir up kindness.**

**C. Use the “shared enemy” to lay aside our polarizations.**



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**D. Families spending time together.**

**E. Our “idols” revealed.**

**F. Worship was last. Will that change?  
What is God saying to the church?**



**3. The Resurrection of Jesus is the most likely explanation for what happened that morning.**

**Mk. 16:6** And 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.*



**4. If Jesus be not risen, how do you explain 2000 years of evangelism?**

**A. First evangelist.**

- **Birth and resurrection.**

**B. First missionaries.**

- **Birth and resurrection.**



# Next Step.

1. Ask Jesus to find you just like He found Mary that first Easter morning.
2. Put aside whatever “stones” in your life are keeping you from embracing Him as your personal Lord and Savior.