Understand your Bible Suggested notes

Mark 16

What we will see in this chapter:

- Experiences of the women who went to Jesus' tomb
- Who the risen Jesus appeared to
- Initial reactions of the disciples on hearing about Jesus' resurrection
- Jesus' final message to his disciples

1 Read the chapter

Questions to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 to 4	Who went to the tomb and why were they worried?	Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome. They were worried about who would roll the stone from the door of the tomb.
5 to 8	2. What did a man in white tell them and what did they do?	He told them: > Jesus had risen and was no longer there > to look at where he had been laid > to go and tell his disciples and Peter that Jesus would go before them into Galilee They fled in fear and said nothing to anyone.
9 to 12	3. Who did the risen Jesus appear to?	He appeared first to Mary Magdalene. He was then seen by two of them, as they walked, on their way into the country.
13	4. How did his followers (who had been with him) react to their messages?	They didn't believe Jesus had risen.
14	5. What did Jesus say to his disciples about their reaction to the news they had heard?	He rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they didn't believe.
15 to 18	6. What did he say they must do?	Go into all the world, and preach the Good News to everyone. They would be able to perform miraculous signs.

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19 & 20	7. What did the disciples do after Jesus went into heaven?	They went out, and preached everywhere and the Lord worked with them confirming their message with signs.

3 Related theme: Jesus rose from the dead.

Have a look at these verses which mention the resurrection of Jesus and make a note of what the verses tell us.

Bible verse(s)	Suggested notes
Matthew 16 v 21	Jesus told his disciples that he would suffer many things, be killed and then rise again the third day.
Matthew 28 v 5 & 6	An angel asked some women to look at the place where Jesus' body was put. The angel assured them that he had risen from the dead.
Luke 9 v 22	Jesus said to his disciples that he would be rejected by the elders, chief priests and scribes, be killed and rise again the third day.
Luke 18 v 31 to 33	Jesus told his disciples that he was going to Jerusalem where all the Old Testament predictions about him would be fulfilled. He would be badly treated, killed and rise again on the third day.
Luke 24 v 4 to 8	Two men in dazzling clothing told some women not to look for the living among the dead. Jesus had risen again the third day just as he had told them earlier.
Acts 10 v 39 to 41	Peter said that he was one of the witnesses of all that Jesus did. He was put to death on a tree and rose again on the third day.
Acts 13 v 27 to 30	Paul said that Jesus' enemies did all that was written about him. He was put in a tomb, but God raised him from the dead.