

# ... AND PETER

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**TEXT: Mark 16:1-7**

**INTRODUCTION: It's Easter! Hallelujah! He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Let's look at 2 special words in the text that make Easter personal "... and Peter."**

### **I. COMFORT & CONFIDENCE: GOING TO THE TOMB**

- A. The women, the last to leave the cross, the first to arrive at the tomb
- B. They weren't coming to find a risen Savior, but to anoint a dead body
- C. Their dreams had died, their hopes were crushed, their future seemed bleak
- D. The Jesus miracles: the sick healed, the dead raised, the demons cast out
- E. They witnessed His cruel, painful, terrible death on the cross, on Calvary
- F. They arrive to find the stone rolled away; why? So Jesus could get OUT?
- G. NO! So, they could get IN, to see Jesus was resurrected as he had promised
- H. They go inside, the angel comforts them, gives them confidence
- I. "He is not here, just as He said, look here, see where He was, but not now"
- J. "Now, go and tell the disciples..." Jesus has gone before them, tell the others

### **II. TWO ADDED WORDS**

- A. Angel said, "Now go and tell the disciples" then, 2 more words "... and Peter"
- B. Peter was a disciple, why doesn't the angel just include Peter with the others?
- C. Peter was the only one singled out, named by himself, added to the directive
- D. There's a good reason – It's a grace note for Peter from Jesus
- E. ...and Peter – though he said he would die for Jesus, he denied knowing Him
- F. ...and Peter – though he promised not to abandon Jesus, He fell asleep
- G. ...and Peter – though he swore he did not know Jesus, Jesus knew Him
- H. ...and Peter is a reminder for him & you & me: His grace and mercy are great
- I. Jesus wanted to make sure Peter heard the news, personally, individually

### **III. ... AND YOU**

- A. How often have each of us promised to live better, do better, give up sins
- B. "God if you heal my child, I'll serve You" only to see He does and we don't
- C. How often have we wanted to do much for God, but He always does more
- D. Though I am not an angel – today I have Good News for you
- E. Jesus wants YOU to know He loves you, forgives you, died & rose for you
- F. Jesus wants us to tell the world, share His story and our testimony
- G. He wants me to tell everyone today ... and you ... and you ... and you
- H. Easter is for You, Jesus died and rose for you, specifically, individually you

**CONCLUSION:** When Jesus asked Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter had to decide who Jesus was. Messiah? The Christ? Nice Guy? Powerful Prophet? Today, Jesus is asking you, "Who do you say that I am?" You must decide. Just as Peter had to decide, you must decide. Jesus is alive. Today, we celebrate His resurrection. The forgiveness, mercy, grace and love of Jesus are for everyone ...and you ...and you

...and you. The message is clear, no matter how many times you have said, "NO," today you can say, "YES!" Jesus died and rose again for the world ... and you!