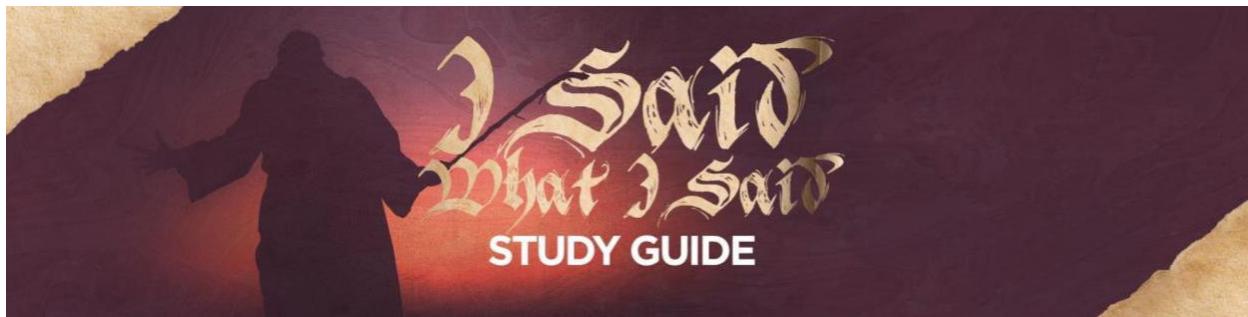


Resurrection Sunday: “Keep on Walking”

1. READ

Scripture: Mark 16: 1-8 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.



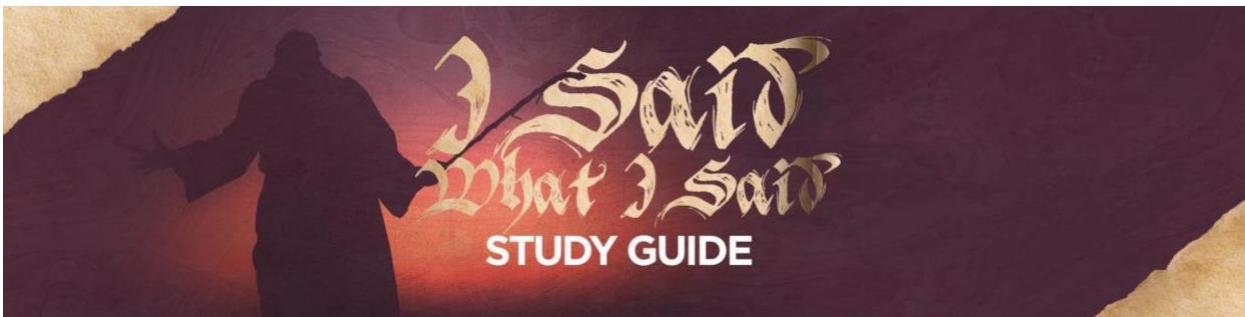
Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Mark 16

2. REFLECT

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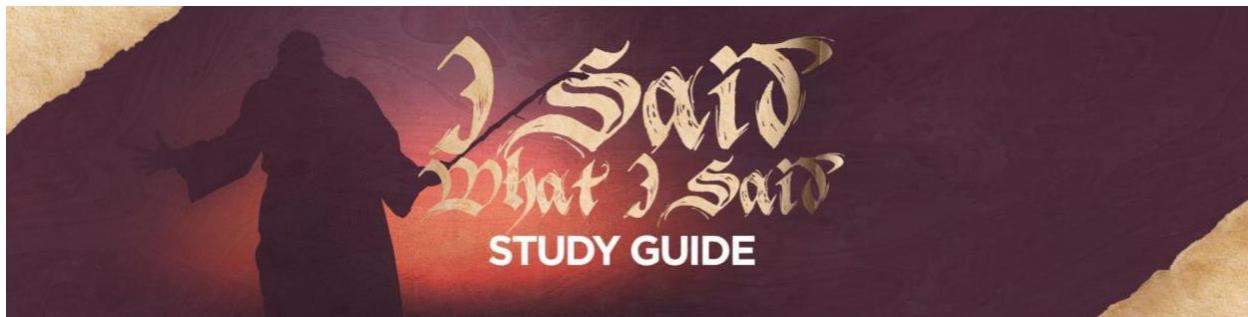


Pastor Watley begins this Resurrection Sunday sermon reminding us that he used to drive by our new base of operations before owning it because he knew that God had shown it to him for us. Pastor shared it with our real estate agents, and they put an offer in on the land, and it was rejected, but Pastor continued to drive by the land believing God. After years of looking for a permitted place to worship, it was hurtful to drive by and see it without owning it. Pastor wanted to drive a new way, but God continued to tell him to drive by, it made no sense, but Pastor had to trust God. The women in our text this morning Pastor reminds us that they had a similar situation. They were walking to the tomb where Jesus was laid but had no way to remove the stone that was set at the tomb opening to keep people out. They couldn't move it on their own, they didn't bring anything to help them move the stone, but they continued to walk toward the tomb, believing that they would get inside. Pastor encourages us to take note of these sisters. If we have learned anything this year, we must "keep walking" and trusting God.



We have to be willing to walk with uncertainty, to walk by the Spirit and not by the flesh. Pastor shared, “God gets excited when people free themselves from the prison of certainty. Pastor reminds us that these were sisters walking, so they were walking with uncertainty. They were unprivileged walking as well. Sisters were looked down on in this day, but God has favored them even though others looked down on them. You and I need to know that God has also favored us. We can’t allow others to put labels on us that God hasn’t given. These sisters went even though others doubted them. They went even though no one sent them and went because they knew that God had called them.

As believers, we have to continue to walk forward regardless of what others say or what others do. Pastor reminds us of others who have continued to walk in the face of challenges. Hannah did it, David did it, Esther did it, Harriet Tubman did it, John Lewis did it, President Obama, and now Vice President Harris did it. Pastor tells us here that “you don’t need permission and authorization. You need passion and anointing.” They continued to walk forward, unaware of the move of God. They expected Jesus to be in the tomb, and even though God had moved already, they didn’t know. Pastor reminds us that God doesn’t have to inform us of the blessing that is coming or that has happened already. Our job is to trusty God, and it’s God’s job to do everything else. We just need to keep walking. Keep walking in every area of your life no matter how it looks, no matter what people have said, just keep on walking.



3. RESPOND

Introspective Questions

- † In what area do you need to continue to walk in your faith?
- † Who is walking with you in this season toward the calling of God for your life?

Discussion Questions

- † What do you think the disciples thought when they heard the news from the women and not from Jesus first?
- † What do you think the conversation was like between the women as they left the tomb to share the Good News with the disciples?