

THE PASTOR'S ESSENTIALS®

OUR LIVES IN THE BIBLE - THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES

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MATTHEW 7:13-14

es-sen-tials (ĭ-sĕn'shəlz) – *noun* – those things that are necessary and basic to life. In biochemistry essentials are substances that are required for normal functioning but cannot be synthesized by the body and therefore must be included in the diet. Essentials are those things that are fundamental to the spiritual health of the professing Christian.

The Gospel of Mark A BIBLE STUDY

SESSION SIXTEEN

Mark 15:33-16:20

Questions for Session Sixteen

1. What did Jesus mean when he cried out prior to his death? What is the significance of his question? To whom is Jesus addressing the question? Why do you suppose Jesus feels this way?
2. What is the significance of the tearing of the curtain in the temple? What was the purpose of the curtain, and what were its physical properties?
3. Who were some of the people left near the cross when Jesus breathed his last? What was the time of day and the day of the week? For what were the Jews preparing?

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4. Who was responsible for Jesus' burial? Where was Jesus' body placed? How long did Jesus' body remain in the tomb?

5. What was the chief concern of the women, who were on their way to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body, on the morning after the Sabbath? Were their concerns legitimate? What did they find?

6. Whom did they meet upon entering the tomb, and what were his instructions to them? Why do you suppose they did not proclaim the good news to everyone they met?

7. What is meant by the longer ending, referring to vv. 9-20? Why are these verses not thought to be part of the original? What might have happened to the original ending of this gospel? Do you think it might have ended with v. 8? Explain.

8. Name some of the persons to whom the risen Christ appeared? Why did Christ appear to these persons, and what came of these visits? What happened to Christ and the disciples in this "longer ending" of Mark's gospel?

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9. What is the most significant or the most important thing you have learned from this study of Mark?

10. What have you taken from this study that has (1) altered your way of thinking about Scripture, (2) marked your life as a Christian believer, or (3) changed your life? What do you plan to do with what you have learned from this study?

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