



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. 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.” 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.

Mark 16:6-8
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“An Unexpected End”

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*Don't let your expectations define Jesus.
Let Jesus define your expectations.*

Problem: We fear what we do not _____.

-Fear can cause us to do some _____ things.

Disciples and Fear

-“Fear” comes up _____ times in the Gospel of Mark.

-Every time, the disciples are criticized for their _____ fear.

Three endings of the Gospel of Mark

1. Jesus _____ to Mary Magdalene, the disciples, commissions them, and then ascends to heaven. (The Longer Ending)

2. “And all that had been commanded them they _____ briefly to those around Peter.” (The Shorter Ending)

3. “And they said _____ to anyone, for they were afraid.” (16:8)

-In the Gospel of Mark, the resurrection was _____.

-The women went away afraid because Jesus had done the _____.

“Save your fear for God, who holds your entire life—
body and soul—in his hands.”

Matthew 10:28-31 (The Message)

Fear of the Lord

-The _____ and respect a person ought to have before God.

“True fear of the Lord is knowing that God is God and we are not.”

“Meanwhile the church ... Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.”

Acts 9:31

If we fear God, we have little room to fear anything else.

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Action Step

-Fear _____ so that you can fear _____.

- _____ something you don't know.