

# Where's Your Chair?

Mark 16 9-19



'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up;  
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

I shall not die but live and declare the works of the Lord.

Psalm 118:116-117

## **Praising:**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the  
sky.

Let streets and homes with  
praises ring.

Love drowned in death, shall  
never die.

## **Reading:**

Mark 16:9-19

The longer ending of Mark

These extra verses appear in only some of the ancient manuscripts but they make it plain that even those closest to Jesus did not immediately believe he had been raised at all. Jesus' frustration with them is clear when he appears to the gathered disciples to put the matter beyond doubt. It's hard to be patient when people refuse to take your word for something! Then as now

it takes faith to believe in the resurrection. In terms of living lives of faith, the longer ending of Mark also gives us a glimpse of the disciples' activities after Jesus had ascended into heaven. As they stepped out in faith to begin proclaiming the good news of the resurrection to the world, they discovered that in all they undertook for him God was waiting to bless them.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

We pray for confidence to  
proclaim the resurrection

- to trust as the disciples refused to trust that the tomb really was empty
- to speak of our own experience of Christ present and with us in every situation
- to bring the hope of the risen Jesus to every relationship and every conversation

Father: proof, evidence and testimony aside, as the disciples came to know Christ risen and alive, so can I. And now it's about passing that on, sharing it around and living it out. Amen

## **Doing:**