Chapter 16 Study Questions

1. Where did we leave off in Chapter 15 – what has happened? Where is Jesus? Who knew where the tomb was?
2. What day is it at the beginning of Chapter 16?
3. Why were Mary Magdelene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome going to the tomb? When were they going to the tomb?
4. Why do they ask about the stone at the entrance and why is that crucially important to the whole story?
5. What was unusual when they arrived? How is this different than the other accounts? Since those accounts are different, does that put into question the veracity of the accounts?
6. Who was sitting in the tomb? What is that person’s statement and why is it made?
7. Explain verses 7-8 and why Peter, specifically, is mentioned.
8. What does verse 9 tell us? Why is that interesting? What is the reaction of the disciples?
9. To what does verse 12 refer? What is the reaction of the disciples to this appearance?
10. What is interesting, from the perspective of accounts, about verses 9 and 12?
11. What happens in verse 14? Why?
12. What are verses 15-18 known as? Do they differ in the other accounts?
13. What is happening in verses 17-18? Does that still happen? Why or why not?
14. What is verse 19 about?
15. How does the account end?
16. How is the ending different in Mark relative to all of the other accounts (not in every detail, from a wide-lens perspective)?