

“Jesus, Man of *Action*”

Mark 16:1-16:20

*Do not be amazed;
you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who has been crucified.
He has risen; He is not here;
behold, here is the place where they laid Him.
But go, tell His disciples and Peter,
He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him,
just as He said to you.
Mark 16:6-7, NAS*

The Outline

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The Words

Robe - στολή - a long, flowing robe. The cultural significance of a long robe would be high social status and dignified occupation or activity.

Amazed - ἐκθαμβέομαι - to be greatly astounded, with either positive or negative reactions: *to be amazed, to be astounded, to be alarmed.*

The Various Endings

The majority of manuscripts simply end with 16:20 as we have it.

The oldest manuscripts simply end with 16:8.

The following occurs on a number of manuscripts, sometimes after 16:8 with no further ending, and sometimes after 16:20.

And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.

The following occurs in a few manuscripts after 16:14.

And they excused themselves, saying, “This age of lawlessness and unbelief is under Satan, who does not allow the truth and power of God to prevail over unclean things of the spirits [or, does not allow what lies under the unclean spirits to understand the truth and power of God]. Therefore, reveal thy righteousness now.” Thus they spoke to Christ. And Christ replied to them, “The term of Satan’s power had been fulfilled, but other terrible things draw near. And for those who have sinned I was delivered over to death, that they may return to the truth and sin no more, in order that they may inherit the spiritual and incorruptible glory of righteousness which is in heaven.”