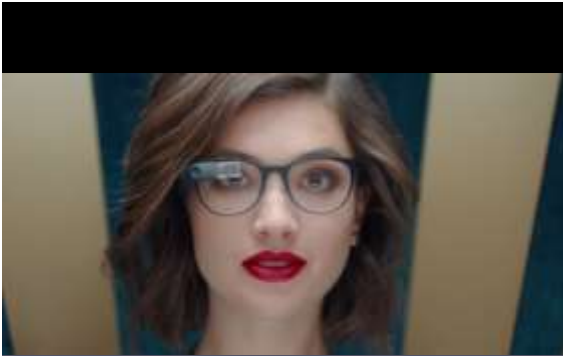


Seeing Is Believing



Mark 16:1-8









‘ Luke 1:1-2 NIV

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word.



The Elder used to say: Mark, in his capacity as Peter's interpreter, wrote down accurately as many things as he recalled from memory -- though not in an ordered form -- of the things either said or done by the Lord.



Mark 15:37-41 NIV

With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last.

The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

Some women were watching from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and Salome. In Galilee these women had



Mark 15:46-47 The Message

Having already purchased a linen shroud, Joseph took him down, wrapped him in the shroud, placed him in a tomb that had been cut into the rock, and rolled a large stone across the opening. Mary Magdalene and Mary, mother of Joseph, watched the burial.





Mark 16:1-3 NIV

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"



Mark 16:4 NIV

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.



Mark 16:5 NIV

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.



Mark 16:6 NIV

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.”



1 Corinthians 15:54-57 The Message

Then the saying will come true:

Death swallowed by triumphant Life!

Who got the last word, oh, Death?
Oh, Death, who’s afraid of you now?

It was sin that made death so frightening and law- code guilt that gave sin its leverage, its destructive power. But now in a single victorious stroke of Life, all three-- sin, guilt, death-- are gone, the gift of our Master, Jesus Christ. Thank God!



Mark 18:7 NIV

“But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’ ”



Mark 16:8 NIV

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

