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Fear & Ecstasy

Dreams McKee
Together 4/2/78

Mk 16:1-8

Intro – 1. My and I read Gk together 2 yrs ago.
2. Share with you what we read – dramatic piece – Mark.

I Mark – a Gospel. So he calls it. It is.
1. Good News from outcast – Writ from Capt. – Kgdm near. Blind, lame, oppressed, possessed, outcast
Crowd at door; open country, boat.
12 to accompany, help.
2. Very early a shadow across the page. Signs of failure in the 12
1) Failure of understanding. Place of prayer; woman with issue; loaves, storm, children. 3 predictions.
2) Of power. ch. 9. Inability to heal epileptic child. "Only by prayer"
3) Of loyalty. Betrayal, sleeping, denial and finally forsake Him, run. Stranger buries him; soldier confesses.
3. If central word to ch. was cross, central word about ch was failure, Gd. ministry.
1) Apparently ch & her ministry on path w/o cross, arrogance, exemption, miraculous. Cross regrettable but best forgotten. Suff. Servant? No.
2) Acc. to Mk., need to confess own failure of underst., power, loyalty &

II Then comes pathos but hope.
1. Women intro'd. Present in 3 scenes – death, burial, at tomb.

2. Helpless & he sees, but there. "If, there is anything I can do". Thanks. Nothing.
3. Then empty tomb. Not here. Arisen! Before you into Gal. Go, tell disciples.
4. Response - Fear, trembling, ecstasy, silence.
5. Hard to understand - at cross, yes, but here?
   1) Scribes fix it, Matt. completes it, scholars explain it.
   2) What say? Failure a disciples complete. Last thread snaps?
6. As ending, yes, but as beginning —
   1) actually not ending; no Ascension, no church
   2) Here may began —
      Fear + trembling. God raised him!
      Woe is me! Depart from me! God who created, called, led, touched — here, now!
      Ecstasy — alive! Not all over!
      Herod hasn't won, Pilate hasn't won, death hasn't won!
      Fear - But if alive, now what?
      Vengeance? Back to Gal.?
      What happens to me?
      Silence - Lost tongues, what say? Who say it? To whom? Not chatty. Mark in Acts 16; I found it! Hush! Maugham - Can't share Draw breath in pain —

Conclusion: 1) So begins. May get used to it, picnic in Faith, not begin + end day in awe + wonder.
2) If so, come back here, start again.

Changed to 10:00 a.m. Sunday