

BIBLE STUDY
I WILL – Lesson 13
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I WILL SERVE THE SAVIOR
Mark 16: 1-8

Too many people believe that the Lord should serve us and fewer and fewer folks in this dispensation are trying to discover how we can serve the Savior. When we are sick we want Him to heal us; when we are in trouble we want Him to deliver us; when we are lost we want Him to lead us. God is more than a cosmic bellhop who responds to us every time we ring. He is the Creator of all things, a loving Father, the Savior of the world in the person of His Son Jesus Christ and the Redeemer of all persons who can reconcile us to Himself and to one another. He gives us His Holy Spirit to equip us, enable us and empower us to live a righteous life. So I ask the question, “Who should be serving whom?”

Our text gives us another example of how the people were willing to serve Jesus after His death. They wanted to give him a proper burial and could not wait for the appropriate time to serve the Lord. They had served Him in life; now they were ready to serve Him in death. Just like us, they did not understand all His messages. If they did they would not have come to the tomb because He previously told them on the third day He would rise.

Let me share with you three ways that we can serve the Savior just like these women at the tomb served the Savior.

- I. We should Show Up for the Savior. (vs. 1-2)
 - A. They were present for Him
 - B. They brought presents to Him
- II. We should Stand Up for the Savior. (vs. 4-8)
 - A. Stand in the midst of your challenges
 - B. Stand in the midst of your celebrations
- III. We should Speak Up for the Savior. (vs. 9-10)
 - A. Speak up when facing fear
 - B. Speak up with a fortified faith