

April 16, 2017 *Pasaka!* uhuru kutokana na hofu

### MARK 16:1-8

*Vizazi vya wakalimani kuwa alifadhaishwa sana na kuishia hii kwamba wao kukimbilia ugavi yao wenyewe. Wakristo wa Mapema kupanuliwa maandishi, kutoa endings kwamba "lazima" kuwa ilivyokusudiwa. Tu uaminifu wa Mungu atakamilisha hadithi hii, na Mungu aliye umegawanyika wazi mbinguni katika Yesu ubatizo na lenye pazia ya hekalu katika Yesu kifo itakuwa kuweka mbali wala kwa makosa yetu, wala ukosefu wa uaminifu, sio na interpretive yetu ya kisasa zaidi miradi — Beverly Roberts Gaventa (2008).*

*sakramenti ya ubatizo ni mara nyingi pia ni sehemu ya Pasaka mkasha. Zoezi hili lina mwanzo wake katika kanisa la kwanza, wakati catechumens tayari katika nchi yote ya Kwaresima kwa ubatizo katika Pasaka—Gail R. O’Day (2008).*

*Labda katika riziki ya ajabu ya Mungu, njia kitabu Mark sasa anapomaliza moyo sisi sote zaidi ya kuchunguza si tu imani ya kanisa la kwanza, kwamba Yesu alikuwa kweli amefufuka katika wafu, bali imani yetu. Kuna ni tupu mwishoni na sisi ni walioalikwa kwenye kujaza wenyewe. Je sisi kuchukua Pasaka kwa nafasi, au kuwa na tukajikuta awestruck katika ajabu kazi mpya ya Mungu? Tunajua nini ya Bwana amefufuka? Wapi Yeye sasa kwenda mbele yetu? Nini kazi ina Yeye kwetu kufanya leo, kuchukua 'injili ya ufalme' hadi mwisho wa dunia—N. T. Wright (2004)?*

**Next week:** *New Beginnings in the Early Church*

April 16, 2017 *EASTER!* Freedom From Fear

### MARK 16:1-8

*Generations of interpreters have been so disturbed by this ending that they rushed to supply their own. Early Christians extended the text, providing the endings that “must” have been intended. Only God’s faithfulness will complete this story, and the God Who has split open the heavens at Jesus’ baptism and torn the curtain of the temple at Jesus’ death will be put off neither by our failures, nor infidelity, not by our most sophisticated interpretive schemes — Beverly Roberts Gaventa (2008).*

*The sacrament of baptism is also often part of the Easter Vigil. This practice has its beginning in the early church, when catechumens prepared throughout all of Lent for baptism at Easter—Gail R. O’Day (2008).*

*Perhaps in the strange providence of God, the way Mark’s book now finishes encourages us all the more to explore not only the faith of the early church, that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead, but our own faith. There is a blank at the end and we are invited to fill it ourselves. Do we take Easter for granted, or have we found ourselves awestruck at the strange new work of God? What do we know of the risen Lord? Where is He now going ahead of us? What tasks has He for us to undertake today, to take ‘the gospel of the kingdom’ to the ends of the earth - N. T. Wright (2004)?*

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# THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

Pasaka ni hadithi ya upendo laced na hofu.

wanafunzi, Mafarisayo, Pilato, baraza.

Yesu alijua walikuwa na hofu na Yeye kueleweka.

ufufuo wa Yesu huleta amani badala ya hofu.

Wakati sisi ni tena hofu:

1) Tunaweza kumwamini Mungu aliye tumba.

Ee Bwana Mungu wangu in wewe naamini. Zaburi 7: 1

2) Tunaweza kujisalimisha mapenzi yetu kwa yake.

3) Ubatizo, kurudi zaka ya Mungu kwake, na

... wa kuchagua uanachama karisa ni tena hatari.

Badala ya hofu, Yesu anatoa imani.

Mheshimiwa tupe roho zote kujua upendo imani wewe

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Easter is a story of love laced with fear.

Disciples, Pharisees, Pilate, Sanhedrin.

Jesus knew they were afraid and He understood.

Jesus' resurrected life brings peace instead of fear.

When we are no longer afraid:

1) We can trust the God Who made us.

O LORD my God, in You I trust... Psalm 7:1a

2) We can surrender our will for His.

3) Baptism, returning God's tithe to Him, and choosing

...church membership is no longer risky.

Instead of fear, Jesus gives faith.

Lord, give us all a spirit to know, love and trust You.

wiki hadithi ishirini na saba

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