

## Why We're Not Preaching Mark 16:9-20

No, we're not deleting sections of your Bible—and nor are recent Bible translations trying to take verses out of Scripture. But there are very good and legitimate reasons that Mark 16:9-20 was not originally written by Mark, nor intended.

The first reason is the documentary evidence. When the Bible was first translated into English the translators had only a small handful of Greek manuscripts to work from. They did great work, and we should be truly thankful for their translation and how it massively impacted our own translations (around 2/3rds of the New Testament in the ESV is the same as William Tyndale's original translation!). But since the 1500's we've made many (ie. Thousands) more discoveries of New Testament documents, and through painstaking research scholars have been able to map out a number of manuscript family trees. What they discovered was that the Greek manuscripts used by the first English translators came from a much later period of copying, and many of these manuscripts included more passages and verses than what are widely considered earlier documents. This is why you'll notice in the ESV that there is a note to say that 'some of the earlier manuscripts do not contain Mark 16:9-20'. This is a compelling reason to raise question marks about the validity of these verses.

A second reason why these verses are unlikely to be written by Mark is the language of 16:9-20—specifically the vocabulary, phrases, and grammar. There is a noticeable change in the writing style and 'voice' from verse 9 onwards which leads many to believe that this was a much later addition to the gospel. It is theorised that a later scribe was confused by the sudden ending to the gospel (which we believe to be intentional—the sermon today will explain why!) and inserted his own collection of stories and sayings, influenced by the rest of the New Testament, to give a more rounded conclusion to this gospel.

This might sound unsettling, but fear not! Of the passages often in question (including John 7:53-8:11), and a few other verses or words) no major doctrines hang on them, and nothing is lost in the gospels if those passages were removed. There is generally very few arguments about the vast majority of Scripture's accuracy and reliability. So keep reading the Word you have and trust that it truly is God's intended word for you!

If you have any further questions don't hesitate to talk to one of the Pastors.



16 June 2019 | Service Times: 9am & 11:30am

## Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at [www.slechurch.org.au](http://www.slechurch.org.au).

## This Week: Gospel of Mark—The King Dies and Rises

We need to truly believe that Christ died, was buried, and was raised to life so that we, the guilty, can be set free.

Next Sunday: 1 John 1:1-4



## Today's Service

<b>Welcome and Singing</b>	Man of Sorrows
	The Power of the Cross
	Glorious Christ
<b>Holy Communion</b>	
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Community News</b>	
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Mark 15:1-16:8
<b>Sermon</b>	By Pastor Steven Tran
<b>Song of Response</b>	Jerusalem

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Check out [slechurch.org.au/groups](http://slechurch.org.au/groups) to find a group that you can join.

# Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.  
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

## Our Pastors

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## Financial Update

Last Week	\$9,848.99
Weekly Required	\$5,750.00
Shortfall 2019	\$0.00

### Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

**A/C Name:** SLE Church  
**Bank:** National Australia Bank  
**BSB:** 084-424  
**A/C No:** 396558544

SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane

## Prayer Points

**GIVE PRAISE TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST** for being everything we are not: perfectly steadfast in every situation, faithful in the face of every trial and temptation and obedient to the Father, even to the death on a cross.

**ALL PRAISE, HONOUR AND GLORY BE TO CHRIST!** He is the sacrificial lamb that has drunk the cup of God's wrath, taken on the judgement that we deserve, dying in our place, so we can be forgiven and given a place in heaven, restored in relationship with our Creator.

**PRAY FOR A GREATER CONVICTION** and a higher valuation of the worth of Jesus, our Passover Lamb. Pray that the worthiness of Jesus to receive our love and praise is seen in the way we seek to know Him and serve Him, and in practical areas like our use of money and time for His service and glory.

**CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE RECOVERING** from major surgery (Aunty Mary and Sarah) and many who are struggling with illness, both physical and mental.

**CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE STUDENTS** during this exam period. Pray also for ongoing faithfulness, wisdom and energy for the workers in our church.

## Community News

**BLOOM: CHANGE OF DATE TO SATURDAY 3 AUGUST**  
  
The second talk in our Bloom series ("Compared to Her") is now scheduled for **Saturday 3 August** (previously 7 September), 1:30-4pm at the North Hall. Please note this date change. More details to come.

**DATE CLAIMER: MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY, SATURDAY 10 AUGUST, 9:30AM–12NOON.**  
  
All encouraged to attend. More details to come.

## Serving

	Today	Next Sunday
Chair	Josh	Simeon
Prayer	Mike	Dan
Preach	Ps Steven	Ps Steven
Bible Read	Jansen	Chi
	<i>Dan Lowe</i>	<i>Alan</i>
M.Tea	Stella, Alice	Muriel, Linda
Wash Up	Sunday YF	Sunday YF
Welcome	Philip	Philip
	Mee Lan	Mee Lan
	Esther	Esther
	<i>Andrew</i>	<i>Andrew</i>
	<i>Marcus</i>	<i>Marcus</i>
	<i>Marilyn</i>	<i>Marilyn</i>
	<i>Joy</i>	<i>Joy</i>
Stewards	Richard	Richard
	Norman	Norman
	Sunny	Sunny
	<i>Cam</i>	<i>Cam</i>
	<i>Yong Seng</i>	<i>Yong Seng</i>
	<i>Edwina</i>	<i>Edwina</i>
Piano	Dan Lowe	Dan Lowe
Guitar		
Bass	Ethan	
Drums	Sharne	John
Vocal	Shaun/ Amanda	Alisha
PA	Matt T.	William
	<i>Stan</i>	<i>Daniel</i>

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# 16. The Gospel of Mark–The King Dies and Rises [Mark 15:1-16:8]

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Introduction

- 1. The King is here... (15:1-47)
  - a. Are you the King? (15:1-5)

b. Exchange for the King (15:6-15)

c. Hail to the “King”! (15:16-20)

d. The crucified King (15:21-32)

e. The King’s work (15:33-39)

f. The King’s death (15:40-47)

- 2. The King is NOT here! (16:1-8)
  - a. Women’s witnesses

b. Alarm, Fear, Fleeing, Silence... the end(?)

So what?