Beyond Doubt
Mark 16:9-14
Sermon Outline

A. True or False (vs. 9-11):

1. **Rise** – Christ once and for all got up from His body lying (1 Peter 3:18-20 – Spirit went to Hades) in the tomb three days and nights.

2. **Rise** – Christ once a for all got Himself up (John 10:18) from lying in the grave three days and three nights.

3. **Appeared** – Christ once and for all made Himself visible to Mary so that she mistook Him for the gardener (John 20:11-18).
   
a) **Mary was the first person Christ appeared to and He did it on the first day of the week.**

b) **Although the women had been commissioned to tell of Jesus’ resurrection, none had actually seen Jesus until He appeared first to Mary Magdalene.** Only Mark and Luke (8:2) mention Jesus’ exorcism of **seven demons** from Mary, which would explain her strong devotion to Him. ¹¹[1]

4. **Cast out; take** – He completely took out of Mary Magdalene all seven demons once and for all.

5. **She went** – Mary believed Christ right away and no matter the distance she, with no plans of stopping, went to where the disciples were.

6. **Report** – Mary spoke to the disciples with a full conviction that the person she saw was Jesus. To report means to share one’s faith with others.

7. **Had been with Him** – This means that the disciples had a relationship with Christ that was something they never had before.

8. **Mourning** – The disciples were continually experiencing depressing grief because of the way they behaved during Christ arrest and crucifixion (“is not to grieving or

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mourning for the dead but rather sadness and grief because of wickedness and oppression.

a) Only Mark mentions the disciples’ mourning and weeping. They experienced personal and psychological loss with the execution of their Lord. 

9. Weeping – The disciples were also continuously mourning Christ death. They were loudly continuously wailing and lamenting.

10. Heard – When the disciples learn from Mary that Christ was alive.

11. Alive - Zao – Christ was now continuously spiritually and naturally alive. He was continuously in a state of being able to provide life to everyone.

12. Had been seen; beheld — The disciples clearly understood that Mary vividly saw Christ. Mary explained with careful deliberation and with specific details what she saw when she encountered Christ.

13. Believe not – The disciples clearly understood what Mary was saying but deliberately chose to reject what she was saying. They were faithless.

B. Confirmed (vs. 12-13)

1. Appeared; manifested – Jesus revealed Himself clearly, by an act of divine revelation, to disciples on the road to Emmaus.

a) Jesus wanted them to know that the witnesses of his resurrection could be trusted. The phrase the Eleven means the apostles because there were only ten of them together at the time, since Thomas was absent (John 20:19–25). Verse 14 parallels the account in Luke (24:36–44). 

2. Different form – Jesus appeared with special features that was different than He appeared to anyone else.

3. Walking – The disciples were purposefully, actively and intentionally continuously walking to Emmaus.

4. Their way: go – They were continuously focused on reaching their destination which was a considerable distance.


5. **They went away** – They interrupted their journey by immediately deciding to go and share with the rest of the disciples what they had seen.

6. **They went away** – Two witnesses confirm facts (Deut. 17:6).

7. **They did not believe** – The disciples refused to develop a deep conviction that Christ rose from the dead. They lack absolute confidence that He was alive.

**C. Without a Doubt (vs. 14):**

1. **Appeared; manifested** – Jesus revealed Himself clearly, by an act of divine revelation, to disciples who were no longer weeping because they were now eating.

2. **Reclining** – The disciples were continuously sitting at the table as if they were waiting to partake of a meal. Jesus seem to come after they were determined not to listen.

3. **Reproached** – Jesus once and for all scolded (reprimanded, rebuked, despised) the disciples. Remember that Peter went to the tomb and did not see Christ laying there (John 20:6-10).

4. **Unbelief** – They disciples had every opportunity to gather the facts presented to them and believe that Christ words were true when He told them He would rise from the dead. They however demonstrated a total lack of confidence in what the eyewitnesses said or what Peter saw when he went to the tomb.

5. **Hardness** – Instead of the disciples becoming excited of the news that Christ raised from the dead they became were determined to hold to their conviction that Christ was dead. No matter what anyone said to them they were obstinate (inflexible, pig-headed, adamant, headstrong), unmoved by any testimony presented to them.

8. **Had not believe** – The disciples refused to develop a deep conviction that Christ rose from the dead. They lack absolute confidence that He was alive. They refused to accept anything, about Christ words concerning the resurrection or eyewitness accounts, that was taught to them.

6. **Seen; beheld** – Everyone gave the disciples a critical presentation of what they saw with a desire to cause them to believe that Christ raised. They wanted the disciples to share their excitement and conviction.

7. **After He had raise** – All the accounts of Christ appearance were after Christ gotten up from the grave and was fully spiritual and physical.
8. **After He had raisen** – All the accounts of Christ appearance were after Christ had gotten up.

9. **After He had raisen** – The evidence was beyond the tomb to the road to Emmaus.

10. **After He had raisen** – Salvation is a total conviction of the heart for a surrendered life (Romans 10:9).