

The Resurrection from Mark 16

Text to Text and Text to World Connections

CHARACTERS: 4 narrators, Jesus, angel, Teacher (who reads or 'thinks aloud' the italicized parts labeled with TTT or TTW)

SETTING: Jerusalem, after Jesus resurrection

RUN TIME: 4 minutes.

- *Today we are going to learn about two strategies to activate prior knowledge. They are called making text-to-text (TTT) and text-to-world (TTW) connections. (Write this on the board, or have a pre-made poster up.)*
- *As some of you read Mark 16 as a Reader's theater version, I will interrupt the reading by raising my hand. Then I will model for you how I make connections while I read.*

I want everyone who is not reading to simply to listen and notice the connections I'm making, then, you will have an opportunity to do the same.

NARR 1: When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

TTT - In John's gospel, Nicodemus brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds. He and Nicodemus wrapped Jesus body' with the spices, in strips of linen. This was in accordance with Jewish burial customs. I'm wondering if after three days they expect there to be a bad odor, like Martha did with her brother Lazarus, or if they think all those spices will overpower any smell of decay?

TTW- I'm also picturing 15 five pound bags of flour - that's 75 pounds - except the bags would be filled with spices. What kind of spices do you use at home?

NARR 2: Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other

MARY MAGDALENE: Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?

TTW - I'm thinking about the biggest stone I have ever lifted and how much bigger the stone that sealed Jesus tomb would be.

NARR 1: But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

NARR 4: As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side

TTW- If I found a living man in a tomb I wonder what he was doing there. I recall that the demon possessed man Jesus healed lived in the tombs. What could this young man have been doing there? Would you be afraid? Upset? Happy? If you were the women?

NARR 3: And they were alarmed.

ANGEL: Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.

TTW - The distance between Jerusalem and Galilee is about 65 miles. Back in those days you might walk 15 miles in a day. At 15 MPH, how many days would it take to walk to Galilee? (4.33)

NARR 2: Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb.

NARR 4: They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

NARR 2: When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.

NARR 1: She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping.

NARR 4: When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.

TTW - I'm wondering if they didn't believe her because of her past? Because she was female?

NARR 2: Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country.

TTT - In Luke we find out they two men were going to Emmaus and one was named Cleopas.

NARR 4: These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

NARR 2: Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating.

TTT - I'm thinking which disciple of the 12 was missing. Does anyone know? (Judas)

NARR 1: He rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

NARR 3: He said to them

JESUS: Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons;

TTT - Paul cast out a demon

JESUS: They will speak in new tongues

TTT- I'm remembering in Acts 2, the disciples spoke in several different languages on Pentecost.

JESUS: They will pick up snakes with their hands;

TTT -I remember Paul was bitten by a snake and when nothing happened to him people believed he was from God

JESUS: When they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.

TTT- I remember Peter and John healed a crippled man and that people used to bring sick people so that Peter's shadow might fall on them and they would be healed.

NARR 1: After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.

NARR 3: Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere.

TTW - What places do you think of when you think of missionaries preaching everywhere?

NARR 2: The Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.