

Key Points for Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Mark 16:1-8

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Different books and texts can have different types of endings, from life-changing to disappointing. The sermon uses the example of the novel "Birnam Wood" which had an unsatisfying conclusion.

The Easter texts serve as a prime example of an unsatisfying ending, with the original Gospel of Mark ending with the women being afraid and silent after the resurrection.

However, later additions to the Gospel provide more satisfying endings, with the women speaking to the men and Jesus making appearances to further establish the resurrection.

The sermon draws parallels between these "better endings" in the Bible and the actions of contemporary individuals and organizations, such as Pastor Charlie Johnson and his work for public education, and the OneLamb organization that addresses mental illness and addiction.