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The ending of St. Mark's Gospel

After verse 8 of chapter 16, there's considerable variation in the endings of the Gospel. Since 8 seems an odd place to end, most people think something happened to the original ending. You should be able to recognize the incidents we do have as relating to other gospels.

Still are inspired Scripture!

The Ascension

Only mentioned in St. Luke's Gospel and in the things added at the end of St. Mark's. (It's also in the Acts of the Apostles.)

Why the Ascension?

665 Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3).

666 Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever.

667 Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel wrap-up

What do we learn about Jesus?

It's the quiz game! What do you know about the Gospels? Now's our chance to find out!