



# The Ultimate Surprise





Mark finishes his writing by moving from Jesus' agonizing, necessary, forgiveness effecting death to His glorious resurrection by focusing on the perspective and response of the women who faithfully followed Him and who watched Him die.



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