

the week, they went to the tomb, when the sun had risen, and they were ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxx~~ saying to ~~ne~~ one another, Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb? And looking up they saw that the stone was rolled back for it was very large, and entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were amazed, and he said to them, do not be amazed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He is risen. He is not here. See the place where they laid him. Go tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Gallilee. There you will see him, as he told you. And they went out and fled from the tomb, ~~xx~~ for trembling and astonishment had come upon them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid," And there it stopped. And I thought, what an end to the resurrection. They fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. What a resurrection story!

Well, in the RSV in small type, I can't read it unless I put on my Hebrew glasses (laughter), there is down in the foot of the page in very small type, in italics in addition, a translation of what we find in our Bibles for vv 9-20, and then another ~~statement~~ statement which says, "Other ancient authorities add after v. 18 the following. But they reported ~~xx~~ briefly to Peter and those with him all that had been told him, and after this Jesus himself went out by means...5....from east to west to sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation." Above that in very small type is a translation of what we have here. But I don't believe that Mark finished his gospel ~~with~~ with the disciples fleeing in terror, and being afraid, I do not believe that that was the case. In fact, I am sure ~~xx~~ it was not. Oh, it is true that it wasn't so long ago that there were many who were saying, Mark is just the simple material for a gospel. It is the first one, and it is not supernatural. It is just the events that happened on earth. You take Mark and you get the simple natural teacher, without all of this supernatural foldyrol, and of course that fits ~~xx~~ perhaps with the idea of their fleeing and being afraid at the end, but if that is so, where did the Christian Church ever ~~come~~ come from. What made those men stop fleeing