

and being so afraid? Whatever happened to change that? It is not now felt by scholars that Mark is such a simple natural gospel. There was an article that appeared in one of our religious magazines by a man who was so liberal that Crozier Seminary fired him for being too liberal (laughter). And he is teaching in a University ^{Seminary} ~~xxxxxxx~~ in New England. But he called this article ~~the~~ The Artistry of Mark. And his point was that Mark is not a simple gospel with just the story of the simple teacher, but that in Mark you find all of these fantastic supernatural ideas that you find in the ~~xxx~~ other gospels. They are all there. Atonement is there, resurrection is there, a supernatural Christ is there. It is all there. He says Mark was a great artist who had a wonderful, even if rather crazy idea, and he put it down in a beautiful gospel. Quite different from the old idea of Mark. But it is nearer the truth. Because I believe that Mark believed in a supernatural Christ just as much as Matthew and Luke did, and that he believed in a Christ that was raised from the dead, and that he did not end the gospel with the disciples fleeing, and being in great fear. It is true.....7½....they don't have the ending. They just stop right there. The ending of Mark may have been lost in early days, maybe it was lost from the copying from which ~~the~~ aleph and B were copying, but checked on other copies from which we have it, and then of course, some copies put on that little short ending. Well, it is not impossible, ~~is~~ of course, that it was lost from all copies, and somebody made up this copy later on. It is not impossible. But that Mark had an ending which told the wonderful story of the resurrection of Christ, I certainly believe, and it may have been the ending that we have here in our gospel. Well, then, what right have I got to preach on it? It may have ~~been~~ been. Perhaps it is, yes. Perhaps it isn't, but I will admit the same of any verse you want to ~~bring~~ bring me in the Scripture. Here is a verse and you build a whole doctrine on this one verse. Look at this word here, look what this says, and I will say to you, Yes. But maybe there is an error in transmission, and that verse is not as it was in the original. If you build your teaching on one verse of Scripture anywhere, I am not ready to follow you. God has