

Is the Gospel of Mark Missing it's Ending?

If you've ever read the Gospel of Mark all the way to the end in a modern Bible, you may have noticed something a little strange. Right after verse 8 in chapter 16, there's often a note—and a lot of white space.

The New International Version, for example, includes this disclaimer: "The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have verses 9–20."

This strange note is more than just a textual footnote. It opens the door to one of the most fascinating and debated topics in New Testament scholarship: Did the Gospel of Mark originally end at verse 8? Or was something lost—and later reconstructed?

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Christian apologist and textual researcher Wes Huff dives into this issue in a recent video, offering both clarity and caution.

"Mark 16:9-20 is found in nearly every New Testament manuscript and is the single longest textual variant in the New Testament," Huff said. "However, it is missing from two very significant manuscripts: Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus."

So what exactly is going on at the end of Mark's Gospel?