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Mark 16 the Signs of an Apostle

1. Jesus corrects the apostles, unbelief, and says that if they will believe He will supply them with **credentials** to confirm **the gospel that they are going to preach**.

- As always, we get our understanding from context:

We've all done this, but we must be careful, not to use a passage as proof for our belief (without knowing its context)

Mark 16:9-20 (NKJV)
9 Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, **He appeared first to Mary Magdalene**, out of whom He had cast seven demons.
10 He went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept.
11 And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they believed not.
12 After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country.
13 And they went and told it to the rest; nor they and not believed them either.

This is about believing the testimony of an eyewitness

14 Later, He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

Intentionally left behind because it's not part of the original text, but the other verses are included in the discussion

15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.
17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will "**cast out demons**, they will "**speak with new tongues**
18 they will "**take up serpents**, and "**if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them**; they will "**lay hands on the sick, and they will recover**."

Jesus is speaking to the apostles, not to the crowd

This is simply a historical statement that these signs will appear.

If they appear once in history this prophecy is fulfilled. **It doesn't have to be something normalized**

This is one of the major interpretive problems with the Pentecostals and Charismatics. **They think that all of these statements are normative**, i.e. something to be expected in the experience of every believer throughout church history at all times.

That is not true in the book of **Acts** and it is not true subsequent to **Acts**.

These **signs** did not follow everyone who believed.

There are clear examples in **Acts** of **the apostles** "**casting out demons**, so that is fulfilled in **Acts** and doesn't have to go beyond this.

"**Speaking with new tongues** was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost.

"They will pick up serpents, and "if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them;
this is fulfilled in the book of **Acts** when the apostle **Paul** is on his journey to **Rome** where they were dispatched on **Malta** and he was collecting firewood

Some carnally minded groups attempt to demonstrate their spirituality by picking up poisonous reptiles

"Laying hands on the sick that they would recover. That was fulfilled in the book of Acts.

The only statement in this list that is not given a historical fulfillment in the book of Acts is drinking deadly poison.

Drinking deadly poison is the only statement in this **list of five credential signs** that is not given a historical fulfillment in the book of Acts is .

19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.
20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and

confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Jesus prophesied in vs.17-18 that the signs would follow the apostles prior to the day of Pentecost, and by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, **Mark is confirming the apostles fulfillment of the prophecy**

2. The foundation is already laid:

- **1 Corinthians 3:5-11 (NKJV)**
5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers **through whom you believed**, as the Lord gave to each one?
6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.
7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.
8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.
9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building.
10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it.
11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble,
13 his work will be made manifest; for the day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each man's work, of what sort it is.
14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.
15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

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Gold, silver, and **precious stones** are not a misconception of TRUTH but sound biblical doctrine, continually established

So once again, if we pay attention to context, this is not something that has to go on generation after generation throughout church history.

It is simply talking about the fact that in the early church ministry of the apostles they would be supplied with certain miraculous credentials to confirm the gospel, they were preaching.

Once that was established it did not need to be established again.

The apostles and prophets are the foundation of the church, and a foundation is laid only once, not again and again and again.

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Once again, This 16th chapter of Mark is teaching us to believe the biblical inscripted foundation of the eyewitnes the apostles .

Another foundation does not need to be laid

What did father Abraham say?

"If they don't believe the Scriptures, they won't believe though one word be raise from the dead"

The only way we can be sure that we're building with gold, silver, and precious stones is through the testimony of scripture.

It doesn't matter what some other man's take is on a passage, their take doesn't mean anything at all.

We rely strictly on the context of scripture alone, not on the opinion of man

The only thing that is impeachable at the judgment seat of Christ is **gold, silver**, and **precious stones**.