

# AIN'T NO GRAVE

A Sermon by St. Albert Alliance

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Mark 16:1-7 NLT

*Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside.*

*When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. Now go and tell his disciples, **including Peter**, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died."*

**"Fear is a liar..."**

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**"Shame is a prison..."**

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**"Love is a Resurrection..."**

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## Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Questions:

1. Where are you most susceptible to fear or shame and how would you describe their effects on your life presently? What do you think Jesus wants to say to you about these things?
2. *Ask your APP/Spouse/Trusted friend* – Is there anything you see in me – a pattern of thinking, a habit, a way of responding to people – that seems to be holding me back? (Perhaps indicating that you're still wearing some kind of 'grave clothes'?)



Noise is everywhere. It seems like the volume of the noise in our world today is ever increasing. Frequently it all just becomes white noise - a constant distraction in the background of life. Yet God created us for relationship and relationships require communication.

**So how do we learn to tune in to the voice of the God who speaks?**

Join us Sundays as we learn together to recognize and respond to God's voice, continuing to grow in an understanding of the biblical and theological framework of why we believe this is a non-negotiable for any apprentice of Jesus.

**The HUB** is a Bible-based, Christ-centered safe support and recovery ministry for those who struggle with life's hurts, habits, and hangups. Participants will celebrate God's healing power in their lives by sharing their experiences, strengths and hopes through the steps of support and recovery.

Every Tuesday evening, 7:00 – 9:00 pm - no registration required.

- The HUB has support groups in the following areas:
- Recovery from a Sexual or Pornography Addiction
- Recovery from Alcohol or Drug Addiction
- Healing from being Sexually Abused as a Child
- Support for Friends and Family of Addiction (Co-Dependent)
- Support for New Comers



**Join us on Sunday, April 28 as we celebrate the past, present and future:** Not only are we celebrating those making important steps for Baptism, Church Membership and Child Dedication in our Family Celebration service, but also thanking God for the past 40 years as a church and looking ahead to our future as we turn sod for our new building!

Join us for our 9 & 11AM services and for our **Sod Turning @ 10:15AM.**