Mark’s gospel ending a big puzzle. Was there a lost ending? 2 alternatives given. I like it as it is!

It is as if he says: “See how it ended? Now compare that with what then happened and explain it, if you can”

Easter is remarkable for two reasons:

[1] Unexpected Result

Everything leads to the conclusion that Jesus was dead (trial, crucifixion, death and burial).

Nothing in our exp would lead us to think differently… yet the unexpected occurred.

How do we know this is true?

[2] Changes were Immense

When the unexpected occurs, and the changes are great, sometimes the only explanation is God.

* Death to Life (*Hade Edge – a church that died and came back to life*)
* Despair to Hope (*Bluff – a church that has renewed hope*)
* Dispute to Reconciliation (*Prodigal Son story*)
* None of these is a perfect story, but each proclaims:

not just existence, but LIFE; not just despair softened, but banished; not just a truce, but complete reunion.

We all know that the disciples were ALIVE, full of hope and reconciled to God; this can only be explained by the story not ending as it does. Alleluia!