

An aerial photograph of a dense, lush green forest. A dirt road winds through the trees, curving from the left towards the right. The text 'The Gospel of Mark' is overlaid on the image in a white, cursive font with a soft green glow. 'The' is smaller and positioned above 'Gospel'. 'of' is smaller and positioned between 'Gospel' and 'Mark'.

*The
Gospel of Mark*

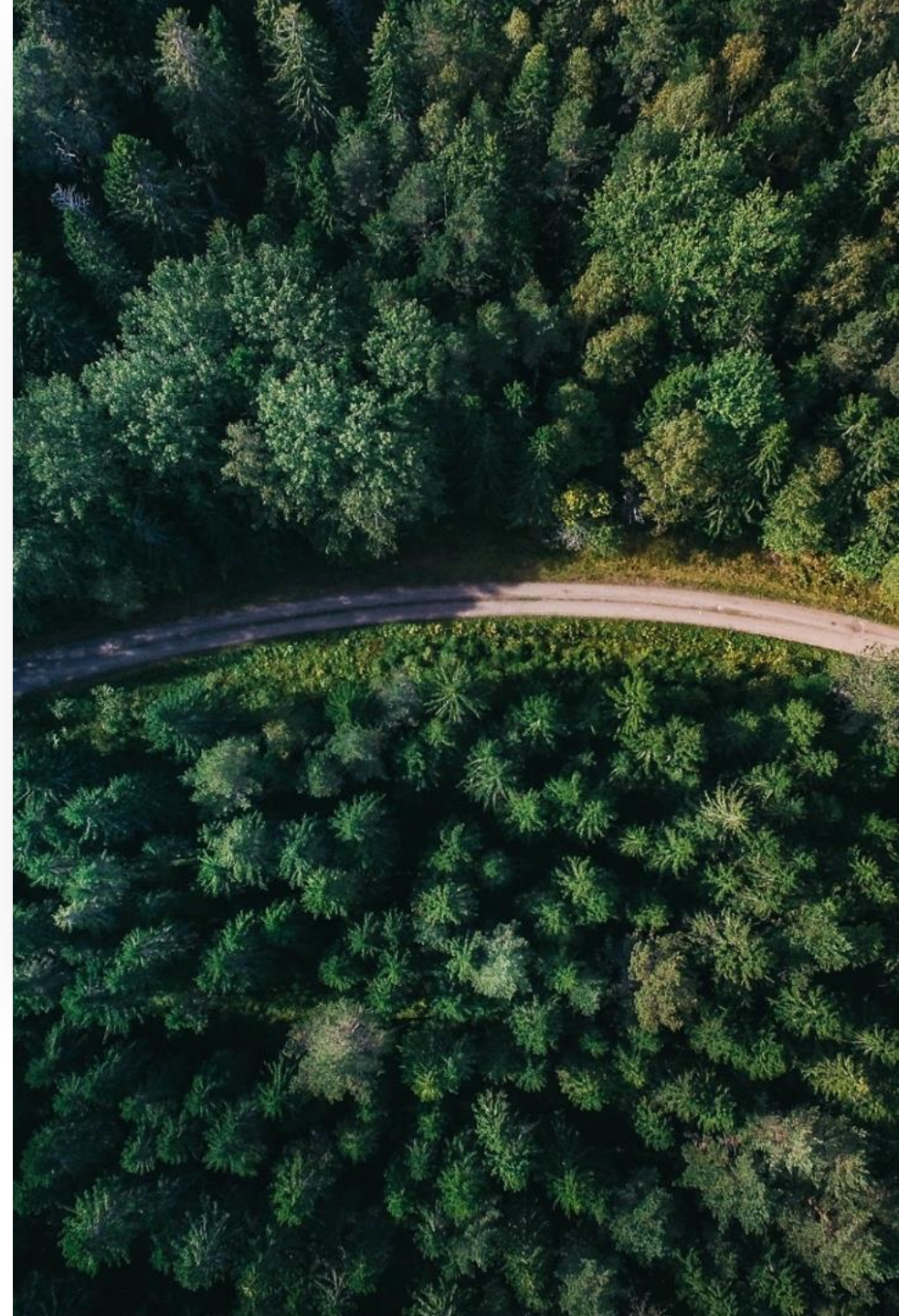
The Late Additions

Mark 16:1-20

Mark 16:1-5

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

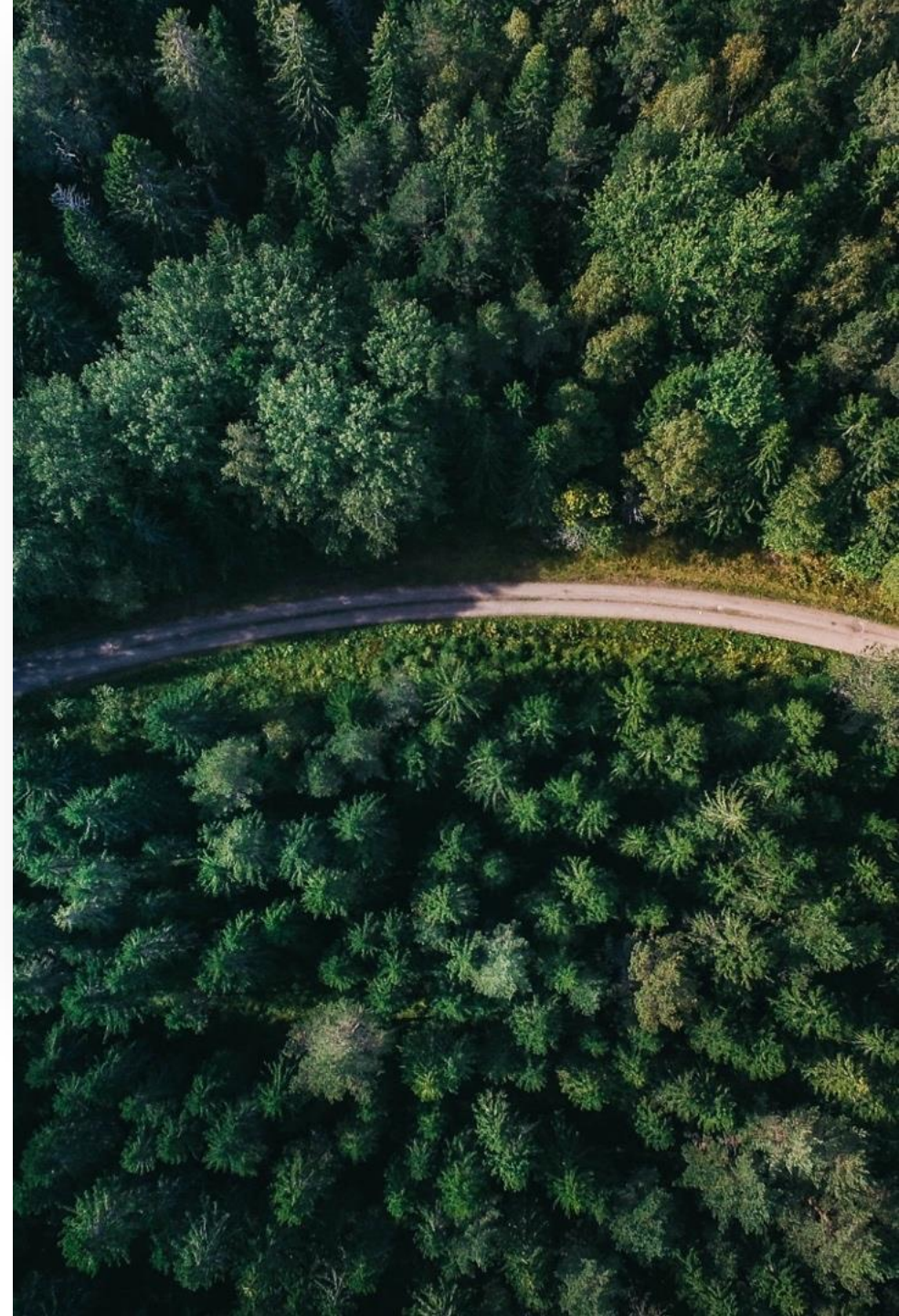


Mark 16:6-8

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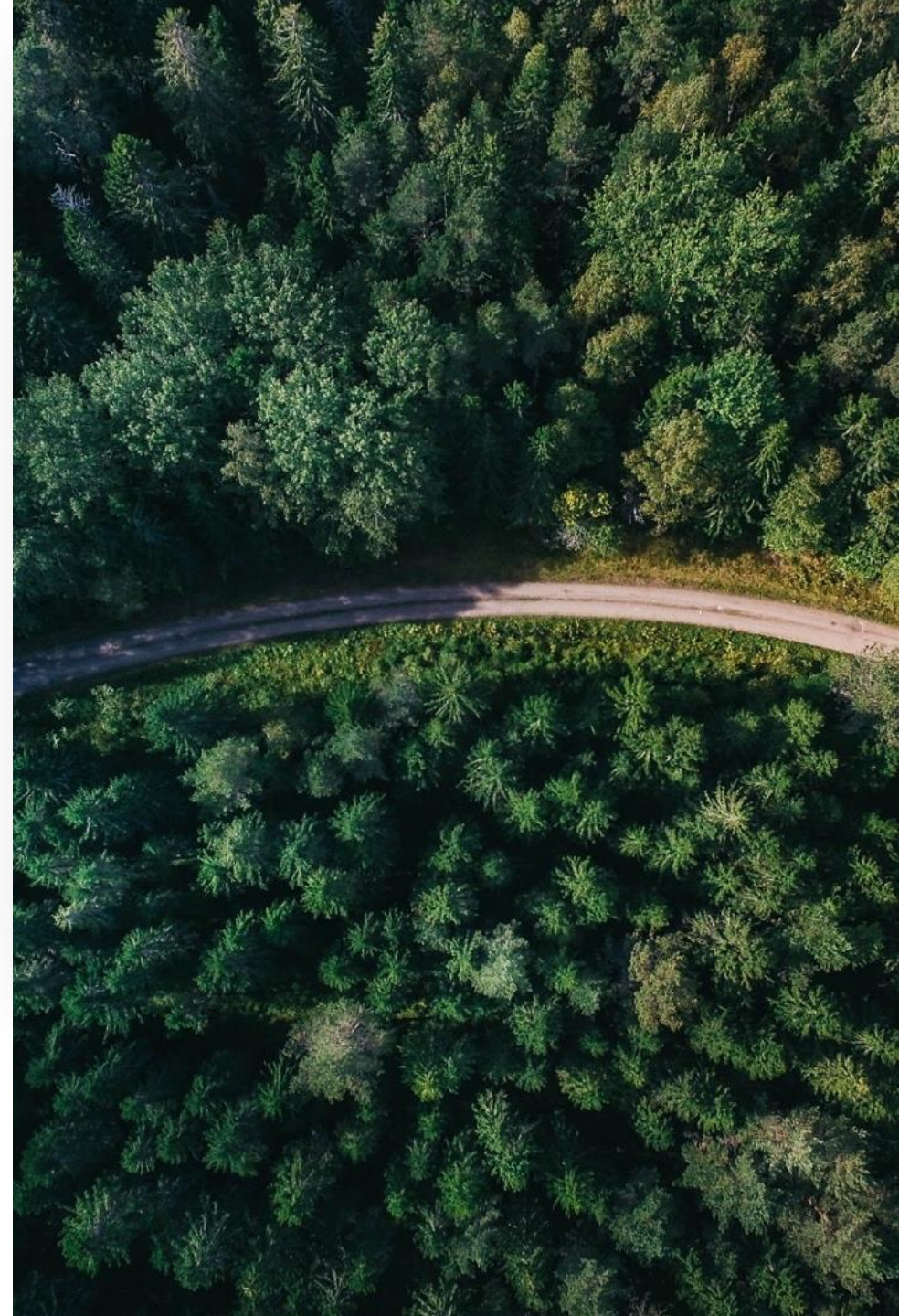


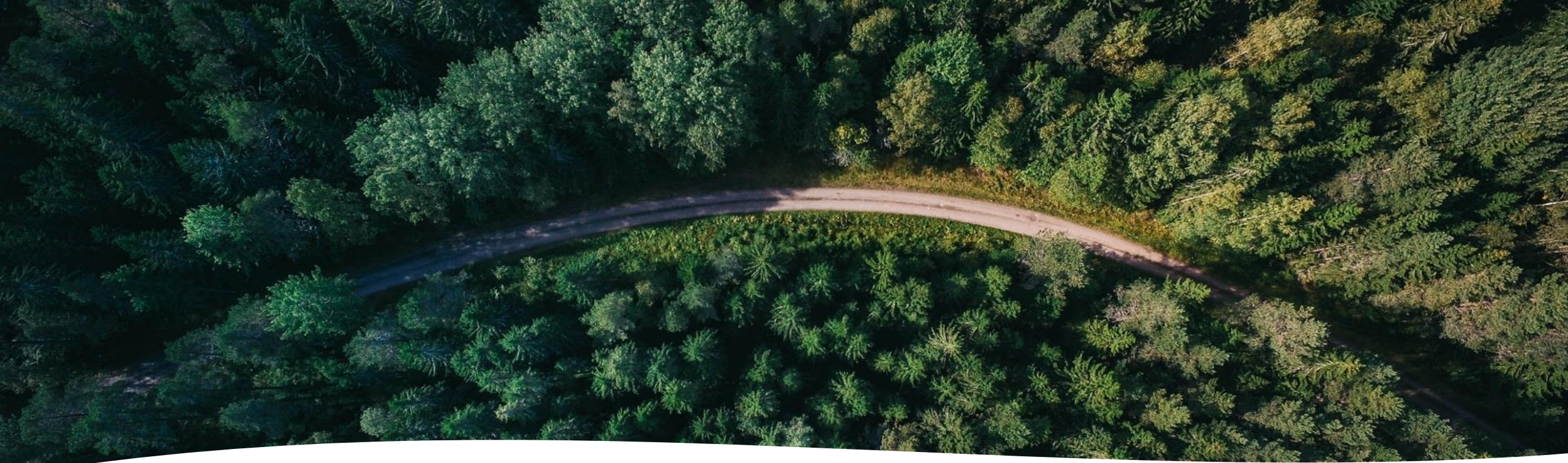
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ORIGINAL ENDING

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silent or will we speak?

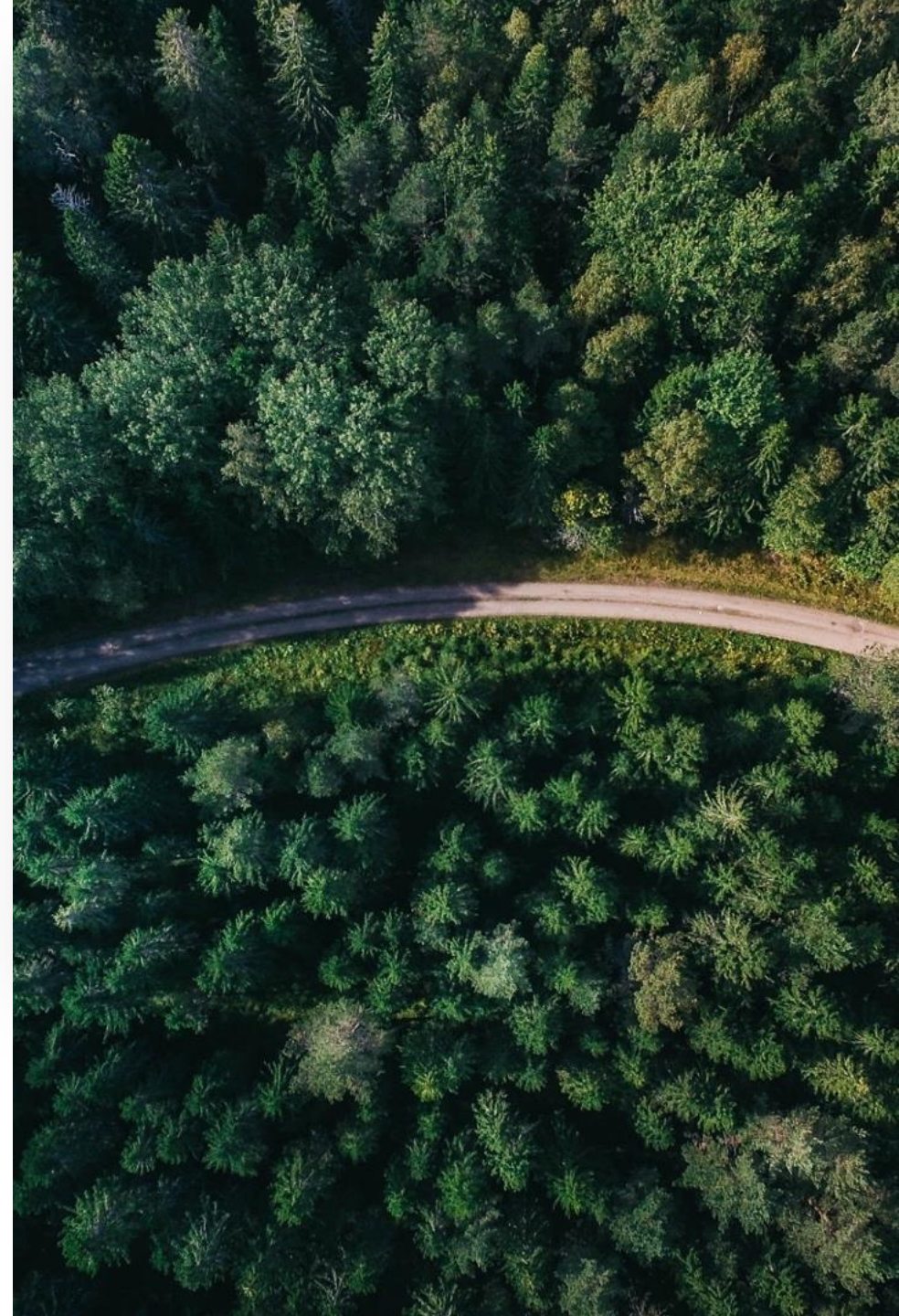
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Footnote [a]

Some manuscripts have the following ending between verses 8 and 9, and one manuscript has it after verse 8 (omitting verses 9-20):

Then they quickly reported all these instructions to those around Peter. After this, Jesus himself also sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen.

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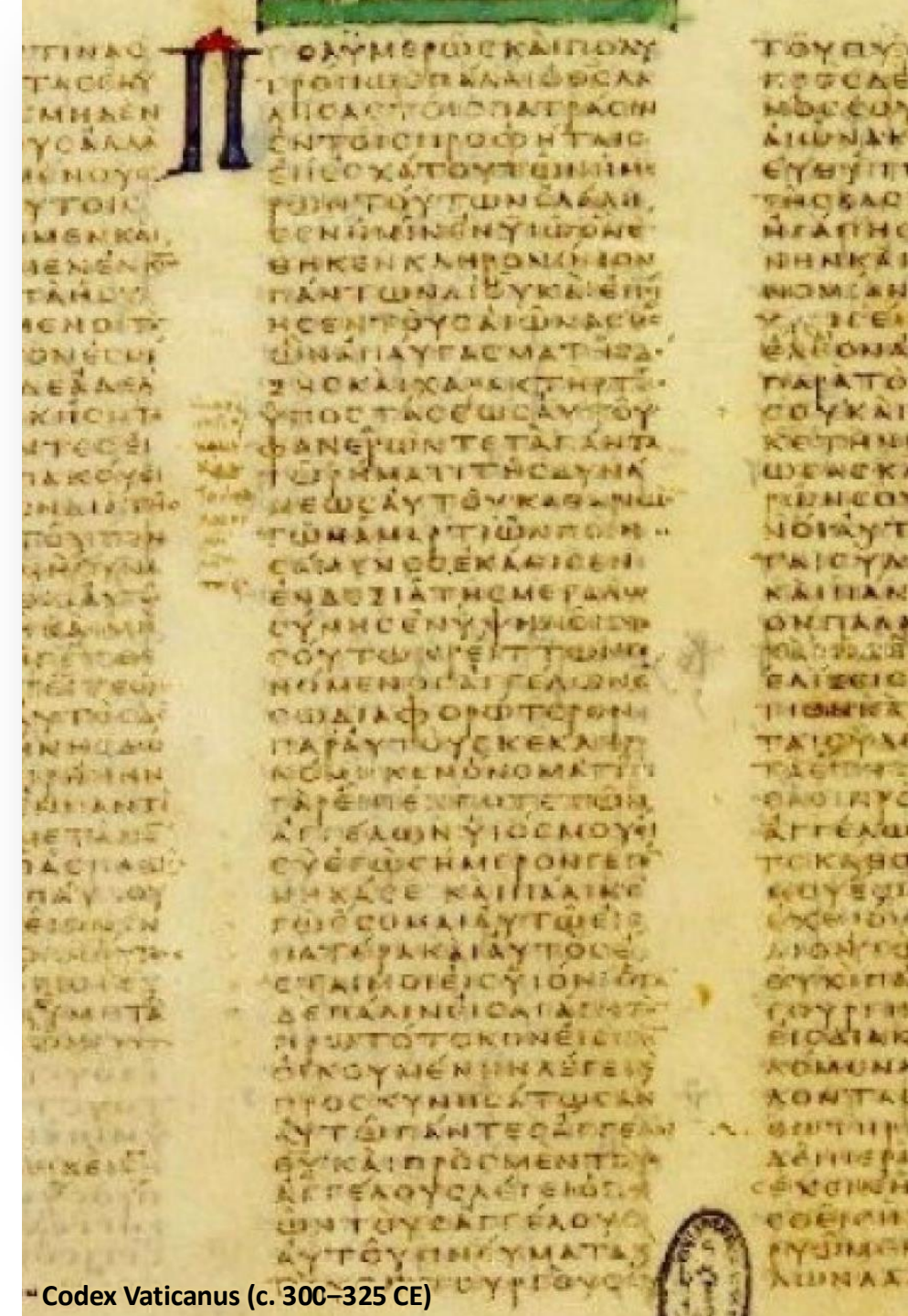


Medieval Greek Manuscript

[Late Addition] Mark 16:9-20

⁹ When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. ¹⁰ She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping. ¹¹ When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.

¹² Afterward Jesus appeared in a different form to two of them while they were walking in the country. ¹³ These returned and reported it to the rest; but they did not believe them either.

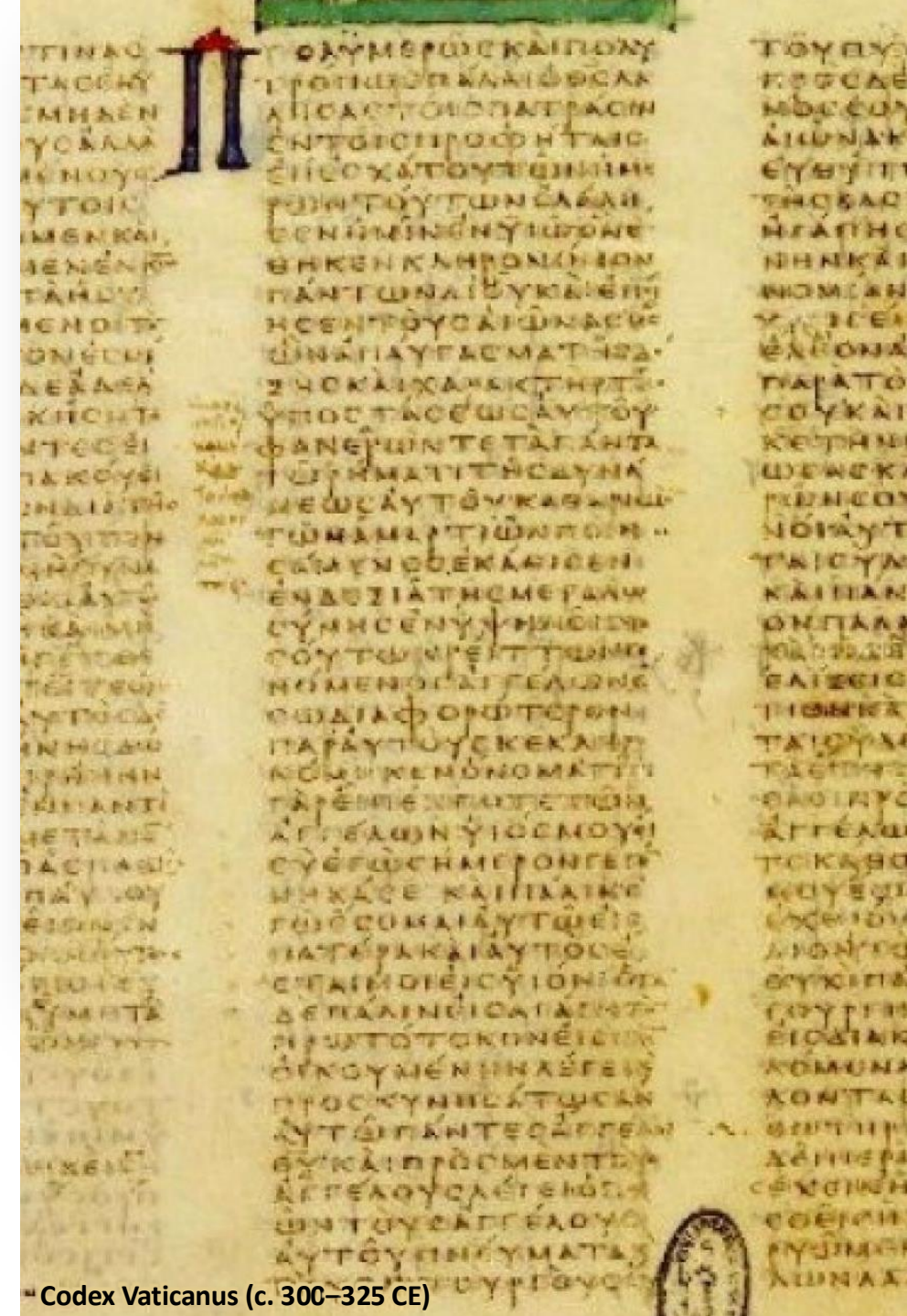


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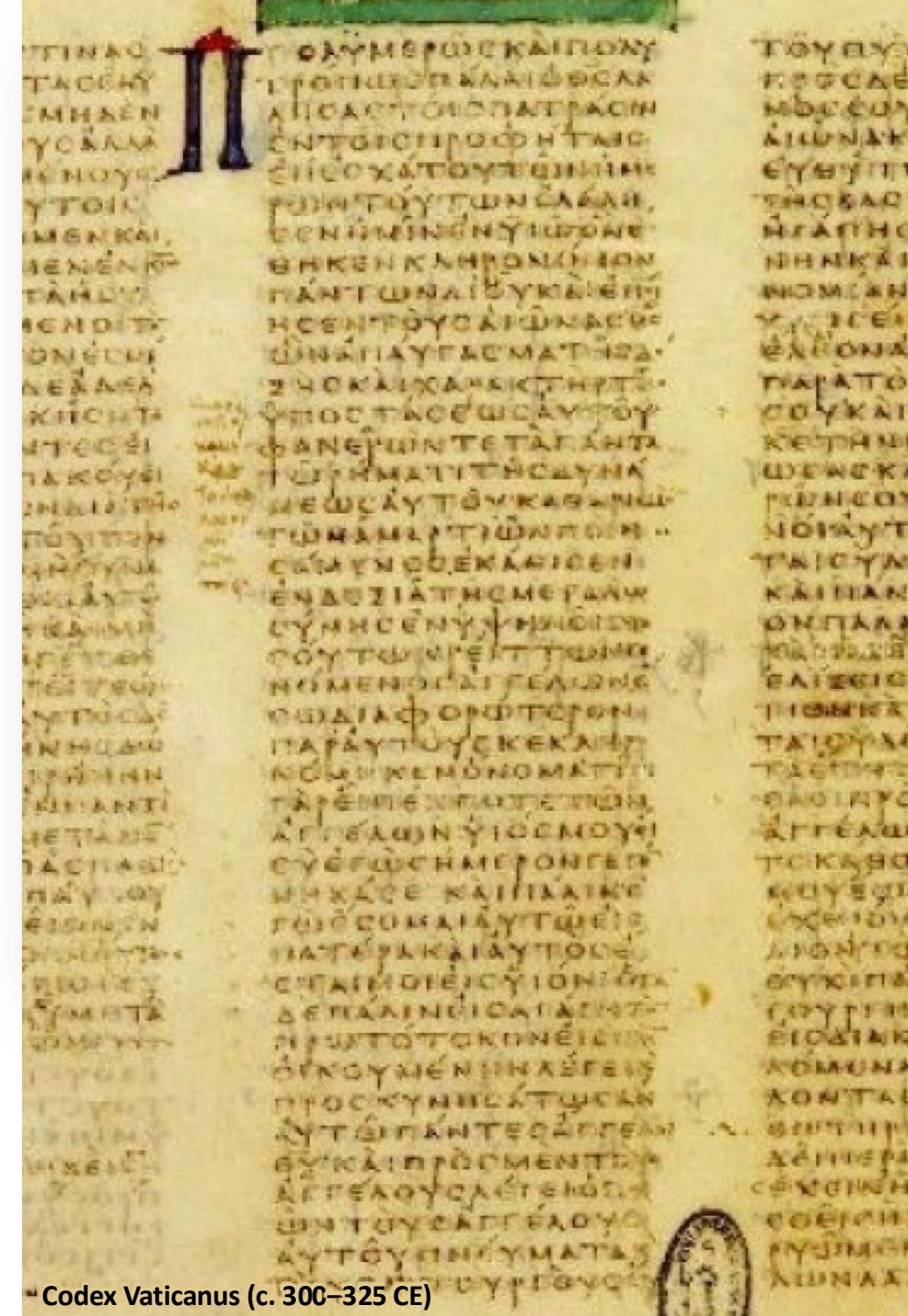
¹⁴ Later Jesus appeared to the Eleven as they were eating; he rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

¹⁵ He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”



[Late Addition] Mark 16:9-20

¹⁹ After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. ²⁰ Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.



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Original Ending

Mark 16:8

Second Ending

Mark 16:9a

Third Ending

Mark 16:9b-20



εὐαγγέλιον

[yoo-ang-ghel'-ee-on]

euangelion

good tidings / good news

THE DECLARATION OF THE GOOD NEWS IS

“There is a **new King**, and a **new Kingdom**.”

*The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the
Son of God. (Mark 1:1)*



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Empty tomb.
The women told no
one, were afraid
and fled.

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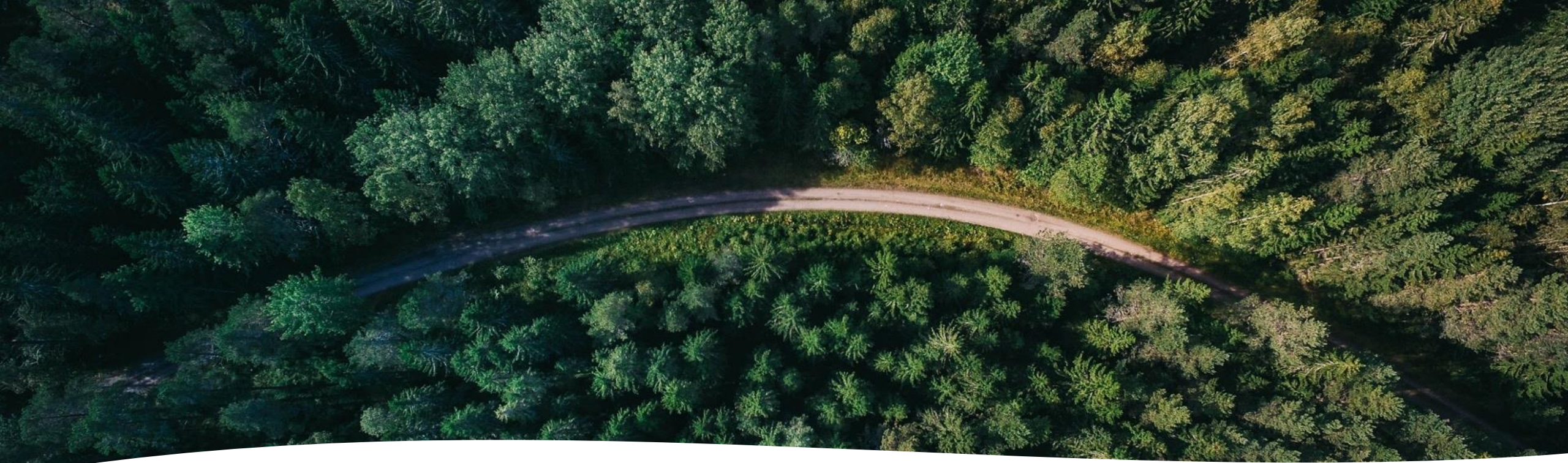
Mark 16:9a

Succinct theological
statements centred
around Peter.

Third Ending

Mark 16:9b-20

A collection of the
stories:
No one believes it.
Critique and
commission.
Signs and power.
Jesus ascension.
Missional action by
the disciples.



WHY DIFFERENT ENDINGS?

They wanted to **be certain** that the gospel of **Jesus *the* Christ** would land in people's lives.

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*What do I need to
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