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¹ There is some question that 16:9-20 (21) is actually a part of Mark's original gospel. The shorter reading is difficult in the sense of being abrupt. It may have been added to. It is unwise to make novel doctrinal conclusions from the latter verses of Mark, such as the validity of snake handling or speaking in tongues.

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