

17. What is Jesus' main point in *Mark 13:1-13*?

Reflection Questions: Am I guilty of interpreting the Bible through the lens of current events? Am I following Jesus' commands in this passage? Have I experienced persecution for Jesus' sake? Why or why not? How well am I enduring right now?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Guesses about how current events relate to the end time are useless. Spiritual vigilance and prudence, whether in the midst of crisis or calm, are the only things that matter.

David Garland

If Jesus is uncertain of God's timing, there is good reason to be suspicious of other forecasters boasting knowledge of matters reserved for God alone.

Donald Juel

Faith that fizzles before the finish was faulty faith from the first.

Vance Havner

The premium of discipleship is placed not on predicting the future but on faithfulness in the present, especially in trials, adversity, and suffering.

James Edwards

We persevere in the faith because we know the worst the world can do is kill us.

H.B. Charles



Enduring to the End

Sermon
Notes

May 5, 2024

1. Disciples' Statement (1)

2. Jesus' Prediction (2)

3. Disciples' Questions (3-4)

4. Jesus' Commands (5-13)

A. Do Not Be Misled

B. Do Not Be Frightened

C. Be On Guard

D. Do Not Worry

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. Read the following accounts, noting what you learn from each. Are there any contradictions? If so, how do you resolve them?

Matthew 24:1-14 —

Mark 13:1-13 —

Luke 21:1-19 —

3. What is significant about Jesus leaving the temple (see *Ezekiel 10:18-19; 11:22-23*)?

4. What made the temple so significant for the Jewish people of Jesus' day? What would its destruction symbolize for them (*Mark 13:1-2*)?

5. What would the disciples have thought of Jesus statement (*Mark 13:2*)?

6. What were the disciples questions (*Mark 13:3-4*)?

How does Jesus answer these questions?

7. What prophecies does Jesus make in *Mark 13:5-13*?

How were these fulfilled leading up to and surrounding the destruct-

tion of the temple and Jerusalem in 70 AD?

How are these being fulfilled today?

8. What does Jesus mean when He says *that is not yet the end.... These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs* (*Mark 13:7-8*)?

9. How do we prevent from being misled (*Mark 13:5*)?

10. What commands are given in *Mark 13:5-13*? Are these commands only to the disciples? Explain.

11. Why might people in the midst of difficult times think the end has arrived?

12. Does *Mark 13:10* say that the end will not come until the gospel *is preached to all the nations*? Explain.

13. What is the promise of *Mark 13:11*? Who is this promise for?

14. Read *Mark 13:13*. what does it mean that *the one who endures to the end, he will be saved*? Is this salvation by works? Explain.

15. How do we see *Mark 13:5-13* lived out in the book of Acts?

16. How can speculating about the timing of the end prove to be a distraction for Christians in the present?