

An Overview

Mark 13

Into the Lesson:

In anticipation of the “rumors of war” section (v.8), spend some time in prayer for some of the chaotic situations we hear and read about daily like:

- The Russia/Ukraine war-
- All the Middle East disturbance-
- Immigration and border control-
- The troubles in Minnesota and elsewhere in the U.S.
- The unending attacks on young people in the guise of “gender affirming care-
- The injury to the Broncos starting quarterback-

Into the Word:

To keep everything in context, beginning with Mark 12:38-40, reread Mark 13, making note of the various events that are only “the beginning of birth pangs”.

According to the “harmony of the Gospels”, we are in day three of the Passion Week. It might help to refer to the parallel passages in:
Matthew 24-
Luke 21-

From commentaries or Bible margin notes, what do we know of the size of the stones that “one of the disciples” pointed out to Jesus, see also Matthew 24:1?

How does Matthew 12:6 speak to the supremacy of Christ?

What does Acts 1:6-7 seem to indicate about the disciple’s desire to “know what’s coming next”?

From verse 6, how is Acts 19:13-16 one example of those “coming in My name” and the fruitlessness of their venture?

Although it provides some comedic relief in the narrative.

Into Life:

What are some of the indications that “*many will come in My name...to deceive many*”?

How does the mention of the two types of pitfalls that Sam mentioned fit with this scenario:

Anarchy- “...this is what the passage means to me”-

Tyranny- “...the passage must mean what I say it means”-

Respond to Sam’s quote, “If your eschatology, which means the coming of the end of the world, is not *Jesus focused* then you are in the wrong camp.”

With the realization that we may encounter people who aren’t coming from what we might consider a “traditional Christian” background, what do we need to do make sure they are firmly rooted in Truth?

How important is it to pray for our entire leadership team as they strive together to maintain sound doctrine?

How does the reality that, “no one knows the day or the hour” provide a sense of vigilance in our day-to-day experiences?

How can I Thessalonians 5:1-11 provide a template for our vigilance?

1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled and put on the armor of faith and love, and a helmet of the hope of salvation. ⁹For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.

This Week’s Songs:

Rejoice (Hymn #8)

We Will Feat In The House Of Zion (Hymn 894)

Our God Will Go Before Us (Hymn 326)

Precious Love (Hymn 129)

Living Water

