

# Calvary Chapel Cajon

## *Women's Bible Studies*

### Mark 13

### Lesson 12

Enamored with the beauty of the temple, the disciples remarked to Jesus *see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!* Rather than admire the stones and the buildings, Jesus predicted their destruction. Once away from the crowds, Jesus' disciples asked Him when this momentous event would take place and what would happen to indicate it was soon to occur. Their questions revealed that their understanding of prophecy was still quite confused. They thought that the destruction of the temple coincided with the end of the age and the return of their Lord. But their questions gave Jesus the opportunity to deliver a prophetic message that is generally called "The Olivet Discourse".

#### DAY ONE: Read Mark 13

1. Read through this week's verses using both your Observation Worksheets and another Bible translation or paraphrase. After reading through these verses, what would you say to someone if they asked you what they were about?
2. How would you title this chapter? Record your title on the **Chapter Titles Chart**.
3. At the right-hand side of the same chart are columns labeled **Key Word** and **Symbols**. They have been provided for you to record the key words and the symbol you have chosen to represent each one. Record the key words listed below and their symbols on the chart.

*God, Jesus, Spirit, and authority*

New to this lesson: *watch* and the phrase *those days*

Now, using the symbols you have chosen, mark each of the key words each time they are used in Mark 13. Remember, as you mark the key words *Jesus, God, and Holy Spirit*, to mark any personal pronouns that refer to Them.

4. Scan the many references to Jesus in this chapter. List five things revealed about Him.

5. The contrasting word *but* is used fourteen times in Mark 13. Choose one of those times and record what is being contrasted and the significance of the contrast.

**DAY TWO: Read Mark 13:1-13**

1. Although the temple had been built by Herod, the Jews were proud of their temple. The disciples were in awe of its magnificence. What did they point out to Jesus in Mark 13:1?
  - a. Record Jesus' shocking response.
  
2. Using Mark 13:5,6 record the word that describes Jesus' concern for His followers. Hint: *Take heed that no one \_\_\_\_\_ you.*
  - a. How is a person deceived?
    - 1.) What will the *scoffers* say?
    - 2.) What did they *forget*?
  - b. Read 2 Peter 3:3-5. What do these verses teach about *scoffers*?
  - c. What are some of the *deceptions* that some promote today?
  - d. What steps can a believer take to prevent being *deceived*?
  
3. According to Mark 13:7-8, what can we expect to happen that *are the beginnings of sorrows*?
  
4. The disciples and many who follow after them can expect natural calamities. What else can be expected? Mark 13:9-13
  - a. What instructions did Jesus give in these verses?

5. ...do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak... (Mark 13:11). Why? (also see Luke 12:12)
- a. What does Luke 21:13,14 add to this?
  - b. Paul experienced this truth while in prison. According to Philippians 1:12, what did He want the believers to know?
    - 1.) What can we learn from Jesus' statement and Paul's example?

**DAY THREE: Read Mark 13:14-23**

1. Mark 13:14-16 contains four instructions to those who *see the abomination of desolation* each beginning with the word *let*. List each one.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Daniel, the prophet spoke of *the abomination of desolation*. Record what Daniel wrote:  
Daniel 9:27 (note: *he* is the antichrist; *one week* = 7 years)  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
Daniel 12:11
  - a. Daniel is referring to the tribulation period. The rapture of the church will have already occurred and the Holy Spirit's emphasis will again be on Israel. How did Jesus describe those days in Mark 13:19,20?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. According to Mark 13:21, what statements are not to be *believed*?
  - a. Why? verse 22

4. *I have told you all things beforehand* (verse 23). Consider some of the prophecies in the Bible. What are some of your favorites?
  - a. Why do you think God tells us what is going to happen *beforehand*?

#### **DAY FOUR: Read Mark 13:24-31**

1. Describe the calamities predicted in Mark 13:24 -25.
  - a. John recorded these in Revelation 6:12-14. Read these verses and reflect upon what you think it will be like for those still on the earth at this time.
2. Using Mark 13:26,27 describe Christ's return.
  - a. The word *clouds* is used to describe a multitude of individuals. Using Revelation 19:11-16, add to Mark's description of Christ's second coming.
    - 1.) At this time, believers will return with Jesus. Consider this awesome FACT. What are some of your thoughts?
3. In Mark 13:28, Jesus began to teach a parable. What object did He use for His example?
  - a. What can be learned from the *fig tree* that will help relate to the time of the end?
4. Read Jesus' statement in Mark 13:30-31 and record the words or phrases He used to show the surety of these events.
  - a. What do the following verses teach us about God's Word?

Psalm 119:89

Isaiah 40:8

Isaiah 55:11

- b. Describe the "sureness" of God's Word.

**DAY FIVE: Read Mark 13:32-37**

1. Although Jesus stated in Mark 13:32 that *I have told you all things beforehand, what does not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father know?* verse 32
  - a. In light of Jesus' words, how should we respond to those who try to set dates for the Second Coming of Christ?
  
2. Jesus provided another example in Mark 13:33-34. To what did Jesus say *it is like*?
  - a. The Parable of the Fig Tree cautions Tribulation saints to watch and to know the signs of the times. But the Parable of the Householder warns all of us today to *watch* and be alert, because we do not know when He will return to take us to heaven. What does 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 promise believers?
  
  - b. Like the householder in the story, before our Lord went from us back to heaven, He gave each of us work to do. What do you think He expects of you?
  
3. Consider the word *watch* in verses 33-37. Make a list of what these verses instruct us about *watching*.
  - a. Describe a life that *watches* for Christ's return.
    - 1.) What does 1 John 3:2,3 tell us is a result of *hoping* for Christ's return.
      - a.) In what way is *hoping* a form of *watching*?

## DAY SIX: Review Mark 13

1. Why do you think Jesus felt that being on guard was such an important point to emphasize to His disciples?
2. How do you think the disciples would have responded if Jesus had told them He would not return for at least another 2,000 years?
3. Jesus revealed many things to expect during the time of the tribulation. How might a detailed outline of future events be a hindrance, instead of a help, to us?
4. What are just a few things that can distract us from *watching* for Christ's return?
5. How has this lesson challenged you about Jesus' expectations on you as a believer?

*... "Surely I am coming quickly."  
Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!  
- Revelation 22:20*

## Chapter Thirteen

<sup>1</sup>Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!" <sup>2</sup>And Jesus answered and said to him, "*Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*"

<sup>3</sup>Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately, <sup>4</sup>"Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign when all these things will be fulfilled?" <sup>5</sup>And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "*Take heed that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup>For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and will deceive many. <sup>7</sup>But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows. <sup>9</sup>But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. <sup>11</sup>But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup>Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. <sup>13</sup>And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.*

<sup>14</sup>"So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "*then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>15</sup>Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. <sup>16</sup>And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. <sup>17</sup>But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! <sup>18</sup>And pray that your flight may not be in winter. <sup>19</sup>For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. <sup>20</sup>And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days. <sup>21</sup>Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'Look, He is there!' do not believe it. <sup>22</sup>For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. <sup>23</sup>But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand. <sup>24</sup>"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; <sup>25</sup>the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven. <sup>28</sup>"Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near--at the doors! <sup>30</sup>Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till*

*all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away. <sup>32</sup>"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. <sup>35</sup>Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming--in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning-- <sup>36</sup>lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"*