

# Sunday Morning Equipping Class

## The Gospel of Mark

Mark 13

1:22 authority. Jesus' teaching was based on His own personal authority in contrast to that of the scribes, whose manner of teaching was to quote the authoritative statements of scribes who had gone before.  
1:32 after the sun had set. Burdens could not be carried on the Sabbath (v. 21), but the next day, when they could be, began at sundown.

1:38 that is what I came out for. I.e., that is why I left Capernaum.  
1:40 leper. See note on Luke 5:12. The laws concerning leprosy are found in Lev. 13-14.  
1:44 say nothing to anyone. Jesus did not want people coming to Him merely to receive physical benefits. The result of the leper's failure to obey is seen in v. 45.

2:5 See note on Matt. 9:2.  
2:8 in His spirit. I.e., intuitively.  
2:10 the Son of Man. A favorite title of Christ, used 14 times in Mark. See note on Matt. 8:20 for its significance.  
2:18 Jesus' disciples did not fast because it was incompatible with the joy they had in being

with Him. On the Jews' fasting see note on Matt. 9:14. The N.T. church did not fast regularly as a prescribed rite, though it was done on occasion (Acts 13:2-3; 14:23). Whenever practiced, it is never to be done ostentatiously (Matt. 6:16-18).

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# Mark 13:1-37

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3 And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” 5 And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. 7 And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

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9 “But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. 10 And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. 11 And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. 12 And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. 13 And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

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# Observation

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1. Take note of repeated words, phrases, and ideas.
2. Think about what kinds of literature you're looking at. Narrative, speech, parables? Multiple?
3. Does there seem to be a natural breakdown in the text? An outline?
4. Are there any central concerns?



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## Daniel 12:7

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7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished.

# Mark 13: 5-23

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# At Your Table

1. Based on Mark 13:5-23, does Jesus see those two events – the destruction of the temple and the consummation of all things – as one and the same? Why or why not?
2. What signs are given? What does Jesus warn his disciples will be true of the age to follow?
3. To what event do those signs refer?
4. What encouragement does Jesus give the disciples during that age?



## Mark 13:7

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## Romans 8:23

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<sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

# Daniel 11:31

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<sup>31</sup> Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.

## Mark 13: 19-20

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1. What event or events do you think Jesus is talking about here?
2. Are there signs foretelling the arrival of these events or this event?
3. What kind of news is this for the disciples and for us?

## Isaiah 13: 9-11

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9 Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it. 10 For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light. 11 I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless.

## Joel 2: 30-31

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<sup>30</sup> “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. <sup>31</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

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# At Your Table

1. Do these parables refer to the same event or events, or are they referring to different ones? Why or why not? *(Hint: think here about the two major events that have been detailed in the previous verses.)*
2. Do you notice any recurring words, phrases, or themes from earlier in Mark or in this chapter? If so, what are they?
3. To whom does “this generation” in verse 30 refer? Why do you think that?
4. What admonitions does Jesus give through these parables?

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## Mark 13:29-30

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## Mark 13:4

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4 “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?”

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## Psalm 14:5

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5 There they are in great terror, for God is with the generation of the righteous.

## Luke 16:8

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8 The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.



# Applications

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**1. Don't put your trust in earthly institutions, no matter how strong they may appear.**

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## 2. Don't get caught up in speculation about the end of the world.

“As to wars, when has the earth not been scourged by them at different periods and places? To pass over remote history, when the barbarians were everywhere invading Roman provinces in the reign of Gallienus, how many of our brothers who were then alive do we think could have believed that the end was near, since this happened long after the ascension of the Lord! Thus, we do not know what the nature of those signs will be when the end is really near at hand, if these present ones have not been so foretold that they should at least be understood in the church. Certainly, there are two nations and two kingdoms, namely, one of Christ, the other of the devil.” (Augustine, *Letter 199, To Hesychius 35.*)

# Applications

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**3. Stay awake. Be on your guard. In other words, actively pursue faithfulness to Jesus in the midst of the groanings.**