

Mark /Chapter 13

Short Summaries

In Mark 13, Jesus continued His discourse on the end times and the destruction of the temple. He stressed the importance of being alert and on guard, because the time of His return is unknown.

In Mark 13, Jesus tells his disciples to be ready for the end times. He gives them signs to look for and tells them to remain faithful even when they are persecuted.

Summaries

In Mark 13, Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple and the signs that will precede the end of the age. He tells his disciples to be on guard against false prophets and to be prepared for the coming of the Son of Man.

In Mark 13, Jesus foretells the destruction of the temple and the signs of the end times. He instructs the disciples to be on their guard and to stay awake, because they do not know when the time will come.

Application Questions

What will happen to the people on earth during the end times?

What will happen to the powers of the heavens during the end times?

What will happen to the Son of Man when he comes again?

What signs will indicate that the end times are near?

What will happen to the stars during the end times?

What should we be doing in light of the end times?

What will happen to the sun and moon during the end times?

What did Jesus predict would happen to the temple?

Exegetical Questions

Why does Jesus tell his disciples not to be alarmed when they see the "abomination of desolation"?

What does it mean that "this generation will not pass away until all these things take place"?

What do the Olivet Discourse and the destruction of the temple have to do with each other?

What is the significance of the "abomination of desolation" in Mark 13?

What is the meaning of the "great Tribulation" in Mark 13?

How does Mark 13 illustrate the principle of "the last shall be first and the first last"?

What is the significance of the destruction of the temple in Mark 13?

What are the signs of the end times in Mark 13?

Observation Questions

What would happen to those who endure until the end? (13:13)

What would be a sign of the "end times"? (13:4)

How should the disciples be on their guard and pray? (13:33-37)

Who would be persecuted during the "end times"? (13:7)

What did Jesus say would happen to those who are found sleeping when He returns? (13:35-37)

What was the sign that the disciples should be aware of that would signal the destruction of the temple? (13:2)

What did Jesus predict would happen to the temple? (13:2)

What did Jesus say would be the sign of His return and the end of the age? (13:14-27)

Group Discussion Questions

What is the overall message of this passage? (v. 37)

How can we apply this passage to our lives today?

How does Jesus feel about the destruction of the temple? (v. 2)

What does Jesus say about the day and hour of the end times? (vv. 32-33)

What do the disciples do after hearing Jesus' teaching? (v. 37)

What does Jesus predict will happen to the temple? (v. 2)

Why do the disciples ask Jesus about when the end times will be? (v. 3)

What does Jesus tell the disciples about the signs of the end times? (vv. 4-8)