

Eastridge Church  
Sermon Study Questions

Series - Mark: The Untold Story of Jesus

Week 45: Those Days

Passage: Mark 13:14-37



Conversation Starter:

*Are you a fan of “end of the world” movies or books? Why or why not?*

**Re-read Mark 13:14-37**

In this second half of Mark 13, Jesus continues his teaching based on the question from his disciples in verse 4. Verse 14 opens with one of the more difficult events to interpret “the abomination of desolation”. *What do you remember from the sermon as three possibilities for the interpretation of the “abomination of desolation”?* Pastor Dwain made a connection between this passage and **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**. *Read through that passage and in your own words share what you see as the connection.*

This passage states clearly that Christ-followers will experience great difficulty and opposition (tribulation). *What will be a primary goal of the enemy during this time? How do we best prepare ourselves to walk through these tribulations?* Jesus makes it clear that His return will be unmistakable. *From the passage (vs. 24-27), what are the characteristics of that return? What is the outcome of that return?*

In verses 28-31, Jesus seems to take a strange detour and begins talking about a fig tree. Jesus interacted with a fig tree in chapter 11 and cursed it because it did not bear fruit, but the fig tree in this lesson is one that is living. *What is He trying to teach with this metaphor? What is the only constant that will not perish?*

Finally, in verse 32 Jesus clearly speaks to “that day or that hour”. **Re-read vs 32-37**. *What can we take away from the fact that only the Father knows the exact time? What is implied as being most important for those that put their hope in Jesus? In light of what we don’t know, what are we commanded to do?*

*Close your time in prayer. Ask that God would help you to be on guard and awake to the events that are happening around us. Pray that He will open your eyes to the ways that He is moving and give you strength, hope, and endurance in the face of difficulty.*