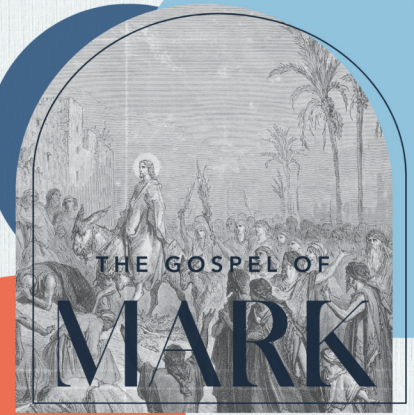


APRIL 7, 2024

THINGS TO COME

Pastor Roger Poupart // Mark 13:1-13



PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.



As He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, behold what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" 2 And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another which will not be torn down." 3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew were questioning Him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?" 5 And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. 6 Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and will mislead many. 7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end. 8 For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. 9 "But be on your guard; for they will deliver you to the courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them. 10 The gospel must first be preached to all the nations. 11 When they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit. 12 Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. 13 You will be hated by all because of My name, but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.



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GROW IN THE WORD

- What will characterize the false Messiahs that Jesus warned against? Compare His words in this passage to John 8:58 and Exodus 3:14.

- How can we "not be alarmed" and maintain hope and trust in God during troubling times i.e. wars, famine, and natural disasters? Consider Psalm 46.

02. Jesus warned the disciples about persecution they would encounter including arrests, betrayals, beatings, family strife, and hatred because of the gospel. Jesus declared that the gospel must nonetheless be preached to all nations, and promised the presence of the Holy Spirit to the disciples during their trials (v. 9-13).

- How would you describe the cost of discipleship based on these verses?

GROW IN THE WORD

- What do you think Jesus meant when He said that the "one who has endured to the end will be saved"? See John 10:27-23; 2 Timothy 2:12-13.

- In what ways can you take heed of Jesus' warnings in these verses? How do you want your heart, mind, or life to change in light of His teaching?

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRAY FOR OUR WORLD

April 14 | 9:15 am | Building 300

We believe missions are a vital part of being a believer and are looking forward to gathering and praying over the requests of our mission partners in Asia. Prayer guides are available on our website or in the Foyer.

HYMN SING

Sunday, April 14 | 5 - 6 pm | Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of worship as we gather to sing hymns. We are excited to set aside time to refocus and worship the Lord together. All ages are invited and registration is not required. We look forward to worshipping with you!

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Pray to begin your group time. Remind the group why you are meeting: to connect in meaningful relationships, to grow spiritually, and to engage in the life and work of the church together. Reflect on the values you want to share as a group (i.e. confidentiality, authenticity, grace).

CONNECT (30-40 MIN)

You can use these suggestions to foster connection and build community in your group. You can break your group into smaller parts if needed, pick a question to discuss, and let each member get to know one another.

- Spend a few minutes catching up with one another. Share updates from previous prayer requests.
- Discuss the second question Reflect/Connect section of the passage guide or pick an icebreaker to begin your discussion.

GROW (30-40 MIN)

Gather back as a big group if you broke up earlier and have one person pray over your time discussing God's word. As you discuss, don't worry if there are questions left unanswered or unresolved. Reach out to ministry leaders or pastors for any needed clarification.

- Select 2-3 questions from each section. Pick the questions that you believe will be most helpful to your group.
- Read any cross-references together and discuss.

ENGAGE (30-40 MIN)

Reflect on the biblical truth God revealed to you this week and discuss a plan of action to apply what you have learned. Gather in smaller groups of 2-4 again. Discuss your plan of action and pray for one another.

- Spend time reflecting on the application questions in each section. Pray together and seek God's guidance and aid.
- Close the group time by sharing prayer requests and praying for one another.