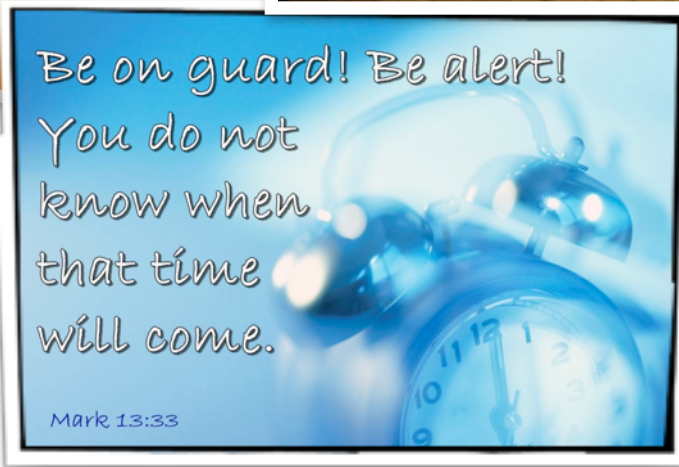


Map of Jerusalem in 70; the Temple is in yellow. Wikipedia.



Above: The sack of Jerusalem, from the inside wall from the arch of Titus, Rome



<http://biswordinpictures.blogspot.com/2011/11/mark-1333.html>

The Gospel of Mark

Jesus' Manhood, Motion, and Mission

Day 1 – Summarize chapter 13

Welcome

Welcome the Holy Spirit into your time of study with prayer; write it here:

Read the Chapter

Read all of chapter 13 in one sitting. Try to summarize each event briefly (10 words or less), keeping to the main point. Write your text divisions on the left and your summaries in a sentence to the right.

Day 2 – The Temple Stones, verses 1-4

The future destruction of Jerusalem

What did the temple of Jesus’ day look like? Check out a website for a rendering.

In AD70, the temple was destroyed, and Jesus’ words became true. even down to the last stone. Read this account of the destruction by Josephus, an ancient historian, online. It is unfathomably horrific devastation.

Day 3 – Warnings

Watch out that no one deceives you

The remainder of this chapter paints vivid and dramatic pictures of the last days before Jesus’ triumphant return. Today, list every warning or “watching” associated with these verses:

v5: _____

v9: _____

vv12,13: _____

v22: _____

v29: _____

v33: _____

vv35-37: _____

Write out a prayer in response to these “watchings” and warnings.

Day 4 – Powerful Images

Word Pictures and Images

Let’s go back over the entire chapter today and look for word pictures and vivid images Jesus paints for His listeners. Go verse by verse, drawing or noting the different images:

v1,2 no stones left on top of the other where the Temple now stands, no order, massive destruction

v8:

vv9-11:

vv14-27

vv26,27:

vv28-31

vv34-37:

Write out a prayer in response to these images:

Days 5, 6 – Positive and Powerful

Jesus Wins!

Don't lose heart in the midst of this very sobering chapter: Jesus wins! There is no doubt that He will triumph. Look through this chapter a final time, eyes open to the positive and powerful parts:

v10: the gospel will be preached to all nations.

v11:

v13:

v20:

v26!

v27:

v31!

Thank God for these good words!

Processing

Are you willing to go through these tremendously challenging times and situations for Jesus? We all want to say YES. It can feel very intimidating, though. Just remember: Jesus did this for you. If you know Jesus' whole story, how did He also go through v11? (Look at Mark 12:17 for an example.) How did He already go through the difficulties in verse 9?

In verse 12, Jesus mentions betrayal. Look at Mark 14:10,11.

How did Jesus live the truth in verse 13?

Jesus concludes with the warning to "Watch!" and stay with your assigned task, alert and faithful until He returns. What's your task?

Are you being faithful? Always remember: He will help you, dear woman! He will not leave you alone! He loves you! You are His child. Out of your love for His unfathomable sacrifice, be faithful to Him.