

"Your Kingdom Come"

The Future of the Kingdom – Mark 13

The end of the temple (v.1-23)

'Do you see all these great buildings?' replied Jesus. 'Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.' (v.2)

"Watch out!"

1. "Watch out that no one deceives you" (v.5-8)
2. "You must be on your guard against persecution" (v.9-13)
3. "So be on your guard" (v.23) when you see "the abomination that causes desolation standing where he does not belong" (v.14-23)

The end of the earthly temple, because Jesus is the temple through whom we can know God! (see John 2:12-22)

The end of the age (v.24-27)

'At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.' (v.26-27)

Being ready in the end times (v.28-37)

The "fig tree" and the destruction of the temple (28-31)

The "house" and the return of Christ (32-37)

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Digging Deeper notes for personal reflection and group discussion

The end of the temple (v.1-23)

Why did the Jews revere the temple in Jerusalem so much?

Why was it in God's plan to remove the earthly temple? How would He replace it with something better?!

Do you live like God is with you all the time?

- In what ways can your faith be tied to a building, or a time of the week, or even other people?
- How might Jesus help you draw closer to God through your whole life?
- What might 'church' be like if we grabbed hold of our faith and took the initiative to invest in each other, rather than being tied to turning up to something?

The end of the age (v.24-27)

Does the return of Jesus excite you or daunt you? Why is this?

How can we be sure that Jesus is coming back?

Being ready in the end times (v.28-37)

What does Jesus say about being ready for his return?

How ready would you say you are right now (if he came back today)?!

What might help you to be ready? How can we help each other?