

“The Relay Race”

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Mark 13

An understandable question (Mark 13.1-4)

The Temple will be destroyed? When?

An unexpected response (Mark 13.5-13)

Instead of answering His disciple's question about _____ Jesus starts talking about how they should live _____.

A clear sign that the Temple is about to be destroyed (Mark 13.14-23)

What is “the abomination that causes desolation”?
_____.

Time out--a breakdown of Jesus' conversation about different times in this chapter.

- Mark 13:1-4 the time of the story (early AD 30's)
- Mark 13:5-13, 28-31 the time between then and the Temple's destruction
- Mark 13:14-23 the time of the Temple's destruction (AD 70)
- Mark 13:24-27, 32-37 Jesus, after His resurrection, comes back to earth

Why does Jesus jump ahead to the distant future here? (Mark 13.24-27)

Jesus is trying _____ the disciples.

The lesson from the fig tree (Mark 13.28-31)

Pay _____ to the signs around you and live accordingly!

A glimpse of the future that impacts how we live right now. (Mark 13.32-37)

All throughout this chapter Jesus' focus is on how His disciples should live “_____” until He returns.

What can we take away from this and apply to our lives today?

We can find comfort in the fact that Jesus _____ and _____.

This passage tells us something important about the story _____.

One important thing to remember: Jesus doesn't tell us everything that we _____, but He does tell us everything we _____.

So what does this tell us about the story of our world that we need to know?

_____ wins. _____ wins. Those who follow Christ are on the _____.

100,000 reasons (Mark 13.10)

- Pray that God will show you someone who needs Jesus.
- Pray for that person and pray that God will show you how to lovingly “connect”.
- Follow up on what God shows you to do.
- Trust Him.

The bottom line:

We aren't called to answer _____ "when will Jesus return?"

We're called to _____ He returns.

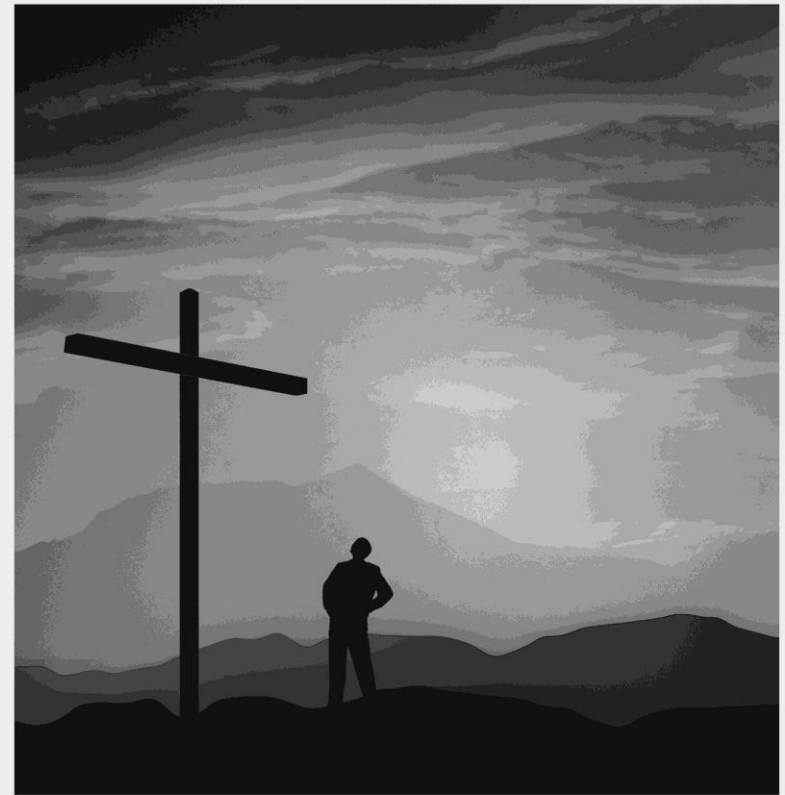
Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- Spend some time reading through this chapter on your own and count the number of commands that Jesus gives. How many are there? What kinds of things does He command His disciples to do? Which of those commands do you think apply to us today?
- Sometimes the Bible is hard to understand. While it was written **for us**—God still uses it to speak to us today—it was not originally written **to us**—we are not the audience the authors had in mind when they wrote their stories and letters. (For example, there is no letter called “1st Redeemer.”)

You see that clearly in passages like this where Jesus refers to the “*abomination that causes desolation.*” Jesus’ disciples must have known exactly what He was talking about but that phrase leaves us scratching our heads. This week take a minute to google that term and see how some people explain it. How would you explain it? Do you have to understand it to make sense of the text? How do you deal with passages like this?

- Head to Redeemer’s website this week to find out more about the number 100,000—where it comes from, who it represents, and how you can get involved. If you haven’t let us know that “you’re in” you can do so via the website.
- Why do you think God had you here today? How did you encounter Him this morning—through the music, the sermon, the people, and the conversations you had today? What do you need to do as a result of how you experienced Him today?



The Jesus you need to know...

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