

January 10, 2016
The Bridge Bible Fellowship
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Mark 13:28-37

“The Tribulation – Part 5”

- d. Teaching (12:35-13:37)
 - 1) True Identity (12:35-37)
 - 2) Treasury or Treachery? (12:38-44)
 - 3) Tribulation (13:1-27)
 - a) The Prophecy (1-2)
 - b) The Private Questions (3-4)
 - c) The Pastoral Answer (5-27)
 - i. First Half of the Tribulation (5-13)
 - ii. Middle of the Tribulation (14-18)
 - iii. Second Half of the Tribulation (19-27)

e. Tree (13:28-32)

f. Take Heed (13:33-37)

So what?

Discussion & Application:

1. Last month (December) we looked at the First Coming of Jesus (Luke 1-2). Now we are wrapping up our study on the Second Coming of Jesus (Mark 13). What contrasts can you find between the two comings?
2. In Mark 13:28, does the fig tree refer to the nation Israel (cf. Hosea 9:10; Is. 5:7; Mk. 11:13)? How does Luke 21:29 help you answer that question? If it doesn't refer to the nation Israel what is the point?
3. To what does "these things" refer in v. 29? Is it the same as the original question in v. 4? How many questions were asked in Mark 13:4? How many questions are recorded in Matthew 24:3?
4. What "generation" is Jesus referring to in Mark 13:30? How does your answer match the context?
5. Jesus said that "Heaven and earth WILL pass away..." Compare that with 2 Peter 3:10-18. What impact does that have on the way you are living?
6. If the words of Jesus will not pass away, what should you be doing with them? How often do you read His Word? How often do you memorize His Word? How often do you meditate upon His Word? What changes should you make as you start 2016?
7. What does it mean to "take heed, keep on the alert"? How were the disciples a terrible example of applying this truth in Mark 14? Is there evidence that they later learned from their error? How are you an example for others in being on the alert? What are you doing to keep from falling asleep on the job? How is this evident in your daily schedule and in your finances?
8. Are you ready for Jesus to return suddenly? His first sudden return will be for the Rapture of the Church. Are you ready for that? Are you absolutely certain that you are a follower of Jesus and are saved from the coming wrath of God? If not, what is keeping you from repenting of your sins, trusting fully in the finished work of Jesus who died and rose again to pay for your sins, and surrendering to Jesus as your Lord and Savior? He IS coming back and He will judge the world. Please make sure that you are ready.
9. Do you know anyone who is not ready to meet Jesus? Pray for them and then go share with them the good news of the free gift of salvation.