Mark Lesson 45 (2023)

**THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN**

(Mark 13:1-37)

**Open it:**

1. Where do you see yourself ten years from now? What do you find confusing or difficult to understand about what the Bible says about the future?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 1-4. How did Jesus use the conversation of his disciples as an opportunity to teach? What did Jesus mean when he said the temple stones would be “thrown down? What did Jesus’ disciples ask him privately on the Mount of Olives?
2. Read verses 5-10. How did Jesus respond to his disciples’ questions? What was Jesus’ main reason for telling his disciples what signs would precede the end times? Why did Jesus tell his followers not to be alarmed when they heard of wars? What must happen before Christ returns? (10)
3. Read verses 11-17. How did Jesus tell his followers to act when arrested for their faith? What did Jesus say to his disciples to do to be assured of eternal life? (12-13) What did Jesus predict about the imminent danger of his audience? (14-17) How do we know Jesus was talking about a time still to come, not merely the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70? (24-31)
4. Read verses 18-25. Where will “the elect” be during the “days of distress”? (18-20) What will be the greatest temptation during the “days of distress”? (21-23) What do Christ’s words “if possible” mean? (22) What event will happen right before the Second Coming of Christ? (24-25)
5. Read verses 26-30. What will Christ’s return be like? (26-27) What did Jesus want us to learn from the blossoming of the fig tree? (28-29) What did Jesus say we could count on happening? (29-30)
6. Read verses 31-37. Why didn’t Jesus tell us when he would return to earth? (32) What will Jesus’ return be like? (34) What conclusion did Jesus draw from that the day of his return is secret? (35-37)

**Apply it;**

1. How can you keep watch in your daily activities?