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**Lesson 23 – Watch!**

**Mark 13**

**Day 1 – Review**

1. What challenged or encouraged you from the lecture, and how did it help you
in your walk and relationship with Jesus?

2. What in the notes helped you to understand God’s Word, and how did you
apply it?

**Day 2 – Read Mark 13:1-8**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson. One possible verse to pray is Habakkuk 2:1. Lord, I will stand at my watch-post and station myself on the tower, and look to see what You will say to me.*

3. What did the disciple say to Jesus in the first verse, and how did Jesus respond?

4. How did Peter, James, John and Andrew respond to Jesus’ disturbing prediction?

5. What does Jesus caution the disciples in verse 5 and 6? ***Personal Question:*** How can you avoid this danger personally?

6. In verses 7-8, what does Jesus predict, and how does He tell believers to respond?

***Apply this day:*** *Like the disciples, questions from life or Scripture can trouble us. Do you take them to Jesus in prayer and search the Scriptures for answers or do you brood upon them? Pour out your heart and your questions to the Lord today.*

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**Day 3 – Read Mark 13: 9-13**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson*

7. What does Jesus command for believers in verse 9?

8. ***Thought Question:*** How have you seen some of these predictions fulfilled in our modern day? What are some Biblical examples of the fulfillment of these predictions?

9. At the end of verse 9 and including verse 10, what does Jesus say is a reason for these persecutions?

10. ***Personal Question:*** What are you doing to help spread the gospel to all nations? (including our nation!)

11. a. In verse 11, what command does Jesus give to persecuted believers?

 b. ***Thought Question:*** How do you think it’s possible for believers to obey these commands?

12. In verse 12 and 13 who does Jesus say a Christian can count on?

***Apply this day:*** *When you are persecuted for your faith do your words come from the Holy Spirit or do you defend yourself with your own resources? Pray and ask God to help you hear more clearly the voice of the Holy Spirit in your life.*

**Day 4 – Read Mark 13:14-20**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

13. Who is the “abomination of desolation standing where he ought not to be”? Consult the text and the following cross-references:

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2 Thess 2:3-4 –

Daniel 11:31-

14. ***Thought Question:*** In verse 14, what is Jesus encouraging you to do when He says “let the reader understand”?

15. In your own words, describe how a believer is to respond to the abomination of desolation?

16. According to Jesus’ words in this text, how bad is this time going to be? *Write down key phrases*. Will God save lives? Whose and why? (See verse 20)

17. ***Personal Question:*** Scripture is clear that Jesus makes a way during the times of tribulation to save the lives of those that follow Him. Are you one of His elect and to what extent are you taking time to understand the warnings and instructions He’s given you in His word? Reflect on Revelation 7:14

***Apply this day:*** *Who will you warn about the coming judgement so they that can escape also?*

**Day 5 – Read Mark 13: 21-37**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

18. Who does Jesus warn against in verses 21-23? How convincing will they be? Write the clear commands Jesus gives us against such people.

19. ***Thought Question/Personal Question***: Verse 22 has a sober warning for the elect. What is the warning, and do you know scripture well enough to be able to discern the true Jesus from a false Christ?

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20. According to verses 24-25, describe the universe after the tribulation. *(Refer also to Isaiah 13:10, Ezekiel 32:7, and Joel 2:10, 31 for a fuller answer)*

21. According to verses 26-27 and Daniel 7:13, what will Jesus do?

22. What warning does Jesus repeat in verse 33 that He also said in verses 9 and 23?

What additional warning did Jesus add in v.33?.

23. ***Thought Questions:***

a ***.***What lesson is Jesus teaching from the natural cycle of the fig tree?

*b.* What lesson is Jesus trying to teach from the parable of the man on a journey?

24. ***Personal Question:*** List some tasks Jesus has given you to do before His return?

***Apply this day:*** *Are you living today as if Jesus might come at any moment? What changes do you need to make or what steps do you need to take today so that you will be ready for Christ’s return?*

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**Day 6 – Reread Mark 13 : 21-23  (SOAP)**

*Please pray before beginning your lesson.*

**Scripture** – *Write the verse(s).*

**Observation** – *Record something you learned from these verses. Possible questions to ask for observation: What principle do I learn? What warning should I heed? What commandment should I obey? What aspect of God’s character do I see?*

**Application** *– How can I apply these verses to my life?*

**Prayer** *– Pray to God, praise Him, and ask Him for what you need in response to what you learned. Write down your prayer.*