

Small Group Study Notes

Mark 13:24-37

In this chapter Jesus deals with the future;

1-24 & 28-31 the immediate future and 24-27 & 32-37 the distant future.

1. V24 is a quote from Isaiah 34 it is not to be taken literally, but the point it makes is to be taken literally. What is the point being made?
2. In v24 Jesus quotes Isaiah. Why do you think he connects his return with what Isaiah is saying (v26 “at that time” eg the time of “the sun being darkened”)?
3. Why do you think Jesus tells us that he will come in the clouds (note 2 Chron 5:13-14 & Ex 14:19 & 19:9)?
4. At his return, Jesus first job will be the gathering of his people (v27 & 1 Thess 4:15-18). What does this mean to you?
5. V28-31 are words of assurance concerning the veracity of Jesus’ prediction of his return. In what way do they fulfil that purpose?
6. If v32 is true; why is there a never ending stream of predictions?
7. Concerning his return what do you think it means to be “on guard” (v33)? And what does it mean to be found sleeping (v36) when he returns?