

# MARK 13:1-37

## OBSERVATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SAY?

1. Note the places that Jesus is and the people that He is interacting with in these verses.
2. What does one of the disciples draw Jesus' attention to in verse 1?
3. What does Jesus tell the disciple in response?
4. What do the four disciples ask Jesus in private?
5. Jesus in this passage tells the disciples about the coming of certain events and the response the disciples should have. Make a list of the events and a list of the expected responses that his followers were to have?
6. What are we told about the Abomination of Desolation? When he appears, what is the response to be?
7. How is this time of tribulation described in verse 19-20?
8. What will be the threat to Christians during this time of tribulation?
9. What action of God is described in the passage?

## INTERPRETATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN?

1. Why was the temple so important to the average Jew and what would it mean to them that Jesus said it would be destroyed?
2. What do you think was going through the minds of the disciples as they heard Jesus' words in verse 2?
3. Look at the question the disciples ask in verse 4. What do "these things" refer to? What are they asking Jesus (replace "these things" with the specific issue they are addressing)?
4. What are the events that Jesus classifies as the beginning of the "birth pangs" which might deceive them that the end of time had come?
5. What will happen to the disciples during this period? What should their response be?
6. Have any of these events occurred or do they still remain to occur in the future?
7. Look up some verses that will help you understand the "Abomination of Desolation." Matthew 24:15f; Daniel 9:27; Daniel 11:31; Daniel 12:1, 11.
8. Is the tribulation an act of God upon the earth or an act of Satan and the forces of evil upon Christians or something else? What do you think?

## APPLICATION: WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE MEAN TO ME/US?

1. What are some specific things you should do to prepare for the kinds of events described in these verses?
2. Have you ever been deceived or misled? What happened and how do you guard against that in the future?
3. Are there practical things you can do to prepare for tribulation and suffering?

## ACTION PLAN

Spend time personally and with others in coming up with an action plan inspired by your study. What in this passage compels you to desire a change, to move to action, to become more like Jesus? It could be a change in thinking, behavior, character. It could be internal or external. It could be personal or relational. Just don't leave studying the Bible as simply an intellectual exercise.