

No Surprises

Mark 13:1-23

1. Focus on the _____
 - a. Its _____ to the Jews
 - i. Its _____ and glory
 - ii. Its symbolic sense of safety and _____
 - b. Its _____ judgment (v. 2-3)
 - i. Impact of Jesus _____ the temple
 - ii. _____ of its destruction
 - c. Its _____ before its destruction
 - i. 1st fulfilment - _____ BC by Antiochus
 - Set up _____ in chambers
 - Set up _____ upon the altar
 - ii. 2nd fulfilment - _____ AD by Caligula
 - iii. 3rd fulfilment - _____ AD by John of Gischala
 - iv. 4th fulfilment - _____ AD – Roman eagle...

* Point – Temple destruction is final and there is to be no more reliance on this outward symbol of religion.

2. Focus on the _____
 - a. There will be _____ (v. 5-6, 21-23)
 - i. With a false _____
 - ii. With deceptive _____
 - b. There will be great _____ (v. 7-8)
 - i. From _____ phenomena
 - ii. From _____ phenomena
 - c. There will be _____ and betrayal (v. 9-13)
 - i. By local and _____ leaders
 - ii. By _____ members
 - d. There will be _____ for the Gospel (v. 10)
 - i. “First” in context of the _____
 - ii. “First” in _____ and importance

3. Focus on the _____
 - a. _____ of it
 - i. Context of the _____ curse
 - ii. _____ negative of verse 2
 - iii. Descriptions of _____
 - _____’ words of v. 14-19
 - _____’ historical descriptions
 - b. _____ in it
 - i. Days cut _____ (v. 20)
 - ii. Preservation of “the _____” (v. 20-23)

Notes for Further Study

1. Read Matthew 24:1-28, Mark 13:1-23 and Luke 21:5-24.
 - a. Look at the questions that the disciples ask – they vary in the Gospel accounts. In your reading, are these questions pointing to one event, two events, or is it unclear?
 - b. Does Jesus answer the questions in order to clear up all of the predictive prophecy of either the impending destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD or His second coming?
 - c. What is the focus of Jesus’ answer? Is it intellectual or practical? Is it simply descriptive or is it also ethical?
2. Read Daniel 11:29-35 and Ezekiel 11:14-25.
 - a. Daniel speaks of this abomination to be set up in the temple. What else was described as “taken away” (v. 31) which might indicate final fulfilment in 70 AD?
 - b. Ezekiel speaks of God’s glory being taken from the temple in chapter 10. To where does that glory go in 11:22-23? It is interesting that this is the very place where Jesus sat with His disciples in Mark 13:3.
3. What are we supposed to “do” about what Jesus says?
 - a. Consider verse 9 and verse 23. The imperative is “see” or (ESV) “be on guard.” This is obvious for the 1st century disciples. What application is there for us?
 - b. How should they and/or we be ready? Is it just to watch for the signs of destruction? Read 1 Thess. 5:1-11 and 2 Thess. 3:6-15.