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JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE END OF THE AGE

Matt. 25:31-46; Mark 13:1-37 (Lesson for February 22)

GOLDEN TEXT - Take ye heed, watch and pray; for ye know not when the time is. — Mark 13:33.

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Approach to the Lesson
At the beginning of our Lord's ministry He sat on a mountain slope and taught His disciples about the laws and blessings of the Kingdom. (Matt. 5:1). Now as His ministry draws to an end He sits on the slope of the Mount of Olives and explains the prophetic future. Both messages suggest tragedy. The Sermon on the Mount reveals man's tragic inability to live up to the moral requirements of God. The prophetic address, delivered so eloquently in sight of Herod's Temple (Mark 13:3), discloses the tragic end of the sanctuary at the hands of the Romans in A.D. 70, and the tragic future of unbelievers at the end of the age.

Be sure to study this lesson against the background of Matthew 25 and Luke 21. Christ answers the disciples' question about the future of the Temple. Then almost imperceptibly He moves to a discussion of the end of the age. The rise of false prophets, the political unrest, the sufferings which the disciples will encounter, the difficulty the cause of Christ would meet — all this would be intensified as the age moved to a climax.

Remember that these words were spoken about 40 years before the armies of the Roman general, Titus, besieged Jerusalem and burned the Temple. What an awe-inspiring holocaust that was! Multitudes of Jews perished in the flames.

By the same token our Lord's predictions concerning events still in the future will be fulfilled in detail. It behooves us to understand His words, to occupy and to be ready for His coming.

Verse by Verse —
Mark 13:1—"As he went out of the temple, one of his disciples said . . . see what manner of stones and what buildings. The events recorded in this chapter took place on Tuesday of Holy Week. Christ had just announced the doom of Herod's Temple (Matt. 23:35). A disciple, possibly awed by the announcement, calls attention to the Temple's massive splendor. The "buildings" were the various sanctuaries, edifices, and colonnades. Some stones weighed over a hundred tons.

Verse 2—"Jesus said, 'Seest thou these great buildings? There shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.'" Our Lord focuses the thought of His followers upon the vastness of the structures which Herod had so lavishly adorned. "Thrown down" the buildings would be completely demolished. This was fulfilled when the Romans seized Jerusalem in A.D. 70, only the foundations remained.

Verse 3—"As he sat upon the Mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, 'Jesus, when will these things be?'" Christ and His disciples climbed eastward up Mt. Olive's slope. Here they had a commanding view of the Temple. Note that Andrew joins the inner circle of three disciples in asking the questions.

Verse 4—"When shall these things be? . . . what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled. . . . 'Sign' means a 'token,' a distinguishing feature. Two questions are asked. The first refers to the impending destruction of Jerusalem. The second (note the word 'all') is more far-reaching; it embraces the distant future (Matt. 24:3).

Verse 5—"Jesus . . . began to say, 'Take heed lest any man deceive you.'" To "deceive" is to "lead astray." The warning is not only against the subtle wiles of false prophets, but also, against following them. It applies to all ages, the disciples' and ours.

Verse 6—"Many shall come in my name, saying, 'I am Christ and shall deceive many.'" To come "in Christ's name" means to usurp Messianic prerogatives, to claim to act in Messiah's power, or on His behalf, or even to be Messiah Himself. In the Greek the words read "saying that I am" (the emphasis is on the "I" in opposition to others). Imposters often deceive the unwary (2 Pet. 2:2).

Verse 7—"When ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled. . . the end shall not be yet." The tense of "be ye not troubled," suggests that the disciples were already disturbed. Christ is saying, "Alay your fears." Political confusion and the marching of troops are an expected sign of the times.

Verse 8—"But of that day and hour knoweth no man. . . not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." The warning is against the setting of dates for the end of the age. God the Father alone knows the precise moment when the Lord Jesus will

Bloomington News

Master Billy Vaughan underwent an appendectomy in Newmarket Hospital last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Tranmer attended the funeral of Mrs. Granby at Stayner on Saturday.

LEMONVILLE

We are sorry to report that Mr. Blake Yalke, son of Mrs. A. Yalke, is in the General Hospital where he has undergone surgical treatment. We hope Blake will soon be well again.

Due to the icy roads and backward weather, not so many were able to get out to hear Mr. Muir, but those who did, enjoyed his profitable sermon and Japanese sing-song, which he did for the children.

ASHBURN

Cedar Creek News—
Mr. and Mrs. S. Spencer left on Friday evening on a holiday trip to New York.

Miss Linda Mansell entertained the occasion of her 8th birthday. Among those who attended the party were Brian Stickwood, Devena Spencer and David Langille.

Ask County Support For Newmarket Radio

A delegation appeared before York County Council last week in the persons of Mr. Geo. Haskett and Mr. John Kudelka requesting that the Council give a letter of support to the application to the Transport Board to secure a radio station at Newmarket.

Mr. Kudelka stated that such a station would devote itself mostly to Agriculture, which would be of great service to the northern part of the County.

Some of the members from the north also spoke in support stating that the station at Richmond Hill did not give much coverage to affairs in the northern part.

It was asked if County Council gave a letter to C.J.R.H. it was suggested that a letter was given but it did not support any definite location for the station.

On motion of Reeve Clark, any decision was deferred in order that definite facts might be presented as to just what action was taken on the request from C.J.R.H.

Hardboard is finding wide use in home building as an underlayment for linoleum, asphalt tile, cork tile, rubber tile, carpeting and other floor coverings.

A Korean woman in conservative families rarely has a name; men refer to her merely as the wife, daughter, or mother of some other male. She eats after the men and in a different place.

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The pupils of Hillcrest School held a skating party last Thursday afternoon at the Parkside Youth Centre under the supervision of their teacher, Mrs. Kayes. There was some question as to what was done most, eating or skating, but from all reports a marvellous time was had by all.

Miss Rita Nicely, R.N., of London, Ontario, is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Nicely and sister, Miss Marjorie Nicely for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sandford attended a birthday party for Mr. Sandford's mother, Mrs. Charles Sandford on Tuesday.

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