

The Signs of the Times Part 2

Mark 13:9-13

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I. The trials promised to the left behind. *Mark 13:9*

The first explanation was an immediate one for the Disciples; the persecution they would endure was not the end, but they should have expected it because of their _____ to Jesus.

- Notice what Jesus said in *vs. 9*; these things will happen to you, *for My sake, for a _____ to them. Psalm 56:8-9*

The second explanation for this prediction from Jesus to be prepared for the persecution is for followers for _____ time.

- The third explanation for this prediction from Jesus to be prepared for the persecution is for the _____ saints who will come to faith after the rapture of the Church.

II. Share the Gospel. *Mark 13:10*

Jesus told Peter to feed His Sheep; He told His followers to go into all the world; Paul said in his letters to preach the Gospel; so, as followers, we have the _____ to preach the Gospel.

- *Colossians 1:23b...which was preached to _____ creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister. NKJV*

We should preach the Gospel, not only because we are called to do it in the Bible, but we preach the Gospel because everyone talks about the things, they are _____ about.

III. I can't speak well. *Mark 13:11*

"There is no excuse for the lazy preacher who fails to _____ his sermon out of the mistaken reliance upon the Holy Spirit." (A.T. Robertson)

- The Lord does not want our excuses when we have a lack of obedience to preach the Gospel; He wants our _____.

Acts 4:13b And they realized that they had been _____ Jesus. NKJV

IV. Open opposition. *Mark 13:12-13*

During the Tribulation Period, those who come to faith after the rapture of the Church will face _____ beyond anything we have ever seen before.

- In *Mark 13:13*, to *endure* means to bear up under, to persevere under misfortunes and trials to _____ to one's faith in Christ.

V. Take home.

Man wants to try to fix and make a perfect earth, but man is flawed by _____, so Jesus will bring the current age to an end in order to create a New Heaven and a New Earth.

- No man knows the hour of Christ's return so, we should live like He is coming _____ and preach the Gospel with urgency.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read *Mark 13:9*. Discuss the three-fold explanation to the prediction of trials made by Jesus. *How does this impact how we prepare to face persecution today?*
John 16:33, 1 Peter 1:6, James 1:2, 2 Timothy 3:12
2. *Does the church go through trials in this life? Does the church participate in Israel's time of trouble, which includes the Great Tribulation, the Day of the Lord, and the Wrath of God?*
2 Timothy 3:12, John 16:33, 1 Thessalonians 5:9, 2 Thessalonians 2:7, Revelation 3:10
3. Read *Mark 13:11*. Describe the cooperation between us and the Lord, while fulfilling His will. *Moses made excuses to not answer the call of God. How often do we make the same excuses?*
Exodus 4:10-12, Philippians 2:12-13, Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 2:10, John 14:15, John 15:4-5, 2 Corinthians 6:1, Titus 2:11-14, John 15:1-2
4. Read *Acts 4:13*. Discuss the statement Rich made, "we preach the Gospel because everyone talks about the things, they are passionate about" *Would people say that you are passionate about the Gospel or other things?*
5. In point **V** of the message Rich said, "*All of these things leading to the end are not meant to cause death and destruction but bring an end to them.*" *How does a proper understanding of end times theology impact us today?*