

**“Jesus on End Times” (part 2)  
September 14, 2014**

**Mark 13:32-37**

(v. 37)- *“Sleeping”- dullness of mind and spirit; inactive; unaware*  
*“Watch”- alert & active*

**Mark 13:10- “The Gospel must first be preached to all nations.”**

**THE CORE: For Jesus—this was THE ultimate sign preceding His return.**

[NOTE: Our focus must move beyond “When will the world end?” → “How can we take the Gospel to the ends of the world?”]

**1. “THE END”**

**Matthew 24:14- “This gospel will (not “should” or “might”) be preached to the ends of the earth—then the end shall come.”**

- **“The end” (*telos*)- not “the end of time”; BUT “the completion” or “the fulfillment”**
- **Must know “the beginning”—in order to fully understand “the end.”**  
*[The whole sweeping story—in context]*
- **“The STORY” of Scripture is the story...**
  - **Of a Father’s love for His children**
  - **Of a Father faithfully reaching out to the children who rejected Him**
  - **A Father whose fierce love never gives up!**

**2. “THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM”**

**Mark 1:10- “Heaven being torn open”—God breaking into human history!**

**Jesus brought a revolution—not about land & power & control. Rather, a revolution of the heart.**

**Mark 1:15 MSG- “Time’s up! God’s Kingdom is here! Change your heart and believe the message!”**

**John 1:12- “But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.”**

- **When we meet Jesus—believing Him, receiving Him, following Him—everything changes!!! [Our values, perspectives, identity, purpose, dreams]**
- **We learn a different way to live—a different way to love.**

- We come to love forgiveness & sacrifice & generosity & justice.
- We live for the impossible—anticipating His Kingdom exploding like a “mustard seed”—from “smallest” to the “largest of garden plants” (Matthew 13:32).
- We anticipate a transformed world where “His Kingdom” and “His will” are manifest on the earth!

NOTE: The destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70 was a picture of a radical new covenant—now made by the blood of Jesus (not the blood of animals in temple sacrifices).

Hebrews 8:13- “When Jesus said, ‘A new covenant,’ He made the first (covenant) obsolete. And whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.”

Hebrews 10:19- “Now we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body.”

Romans 8:3-4- “For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”

Romans 5:6- “You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.”

### 3. “GO! MAKE DISCIPLES!”

Luke 6:46- “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”

- “Deciders”- believe the right thing
- “Disciples”- do the right thing [Lit.- “*a learner who puts into practice*”] Matthew 28:19-20- “teaching them to obey...” [Lit.- “*to guard, hold onto—in order to fulfill*”]

NOTE: The promise given to Abraham—“in you all the nations of the earth will be blessed”—now becomes a radical call from Jesus to join Him in transforming the world!!!

**CONCLUSION: Here's how we do it!**

**1. "LOSE YOUR LIFE" IN HIM (holding nothing back!)**

**"Whoever finds their life will lose it; but whoever loses their life for My sake will find it" (Mark 8:35)**

- **Abandon yourself to trust & follow Him. Say, "YES" w/o reserve!**
- **Discover His WORTHINESS (He is so worth it!)**
- **Follow Him in the lifelong process of personal transformation. [NOTE: Regarding discipleship—it takes one to make one!]**

**2. SHARE YOUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHERS**

**Acts 2:46-47- "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."**

- **This radically different lifestyle of "loving one another" became compellingly attractive to others.**
- **Relationships "keep it real"—more than theory and theology. The world longs for "REAL"!**

**3. BE AN AMBASSADOR OF LOVE**

**2 Corinthians 5:20- "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God."**

- **The "Great Commission"—much more than the mechanical repetition of Christian doctrine. It is EXPRESSING THE HEART OF THE FATHER who DEEPLY LOVES HIS CHILDREN.**
- **Throughout His ministry, Jesus taught & healed & fed people—because "He had compassion on them" (Matthew 9:36).**
- **We are first and foremost called to love people.**
- **Without love—**
  - **Even ministry to the poor can become impersonal**
  - **Making disciples can become duty**
  - **Miracles can become mundane**
  - **Community can become lonely**

**At the CORE OF TRANSFORMING THE WORLD—**

- **Be so loved by God**
- **That you can't help but to love Him back**
- **You can't help but get caught up in His love for people**
- **You even treat your enemies as friends!**

**NEXT WEEK'S MISSIONS SUNDAY:**

**Opportunity to connect with world-changers.**

As we are connected with world-changers—we will be affected by world-changers.