

Stay Awake: Alert

Mark 13:28–37 || Pastor Matthew St. John || August 26, 2018

Discussion Questions

1. Every so often someone makes a big pronouncement that Jesus will be returning on this or that date. What do you think about those making such claims? What do you think about the claims themselves? How do these pronouncements square with Mark 13:32?
2. One of the great cries of the human heart is for justice to be accomplished within time and space. So much evil exists and we long to have all wrongs made right. What does Isaiah 13:9–13 suggest about the extent to which God will demonstrate His justice?
3. Carefully read John 3:1–19, Romans 3:21–26 and Revelation 20. In what way does the redemptive story of Jesus (the gospel) relate to the judgment that will come at the end of the age?
4. As disciples of Jesus we have to respond to the many commands He gives, leveraging the Holy Spirit's enablement to help us see them through. Mark 13:37, in light of Jesus' "end times" message, find Him commanding us to "stay awake." What might this look like and why does it matter?
5. Regarding prophesies of things to come, the Apostle Paul twice commands followers of Jesus to "encourage one another" (1 Thessalonians 4:18, 5:11). During this next week, how might you encourage someone regarding God's "end times" plans as revealed in the Bible?

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