

## PREACH THE GOSPEL IN THIS TROUBLED WORLD

Mark 13:1-37

Key Verse: 13:10

\* WATCH OUT THAT NO ONE DECEIVES YOU (1-13)

1. What impressed Jesus' disciples about the temple? Why? What does this reveal about them?
2. How did Jesus answer them? To what event was he specifically pointing? How did his view of the world, its history and culture differ from that of the disciples?
3. Where was Jesus and who was with him? What two questions did they ask Jesus privately about his prediction? Why?
4. Read verses 5-8. What are some of the signs of the end of the age which Jesus mentions? (5-8) What warning does he give? How should disciples react? How can we avoid the fear and deceptions that will overtake most people?
5. Read verses 9-11. What is another sign of the end of the age? According to these verses, how will Christians be persecuted? What must they do and say when persecution comes?
6. Read verses 12-13. What will happen to close human relationships in the last days? What promise is given in verse 13?
7. What promise is given in verse 10? What does this promise tell us about Jesus' faith and vision? What must be our attitude and work in a dark and corrupt world?

What must we believe? (Jn 3:16) Where do we start world evangelization?

\* ABOMINABLE PEOPLE CAUSE DESOLATION TO THE WORLD (14-23)

8. Read verses 14-17. What do you think "abomination that causes desolation" refers to? Who are some abominable people who have caused desolation in the world? (5,9,12-13,21-22) How must people who live under such abominable people suffer?

9. What can we do? What is our hope? How do we know that God loves his suffering people and suffers with them?

\* MEN WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING (24-37)

10. Read verses 24-27. Compare 1Th 4:15-18. What is the climactic event of history? How is it heralded? For whom is this good news? For whom is this bad news? How can we know the time? Read verses 28-32. How certain is this event? (Ac 1:11) How must we prepare for his coming? (33-37)