

Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for February 27, 2011 Released on Wednesday, February 23, 2011

"Jesus Will Come Again!"

Lesson Text: Mark 13:14-27

Background Scripture: Mark 13:1-37

Memory Verse: "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory" (Mark 13:26).

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14 But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:

15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house:

16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.

17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.

19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.

21 And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not:

22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.

23 But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

25 And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that Jesus, who came to be our Saviour, will come to earth again in a special, wonderful way.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

- **1.** God will take care of His people in times of trouble.
- 2. Someday the entire world will have heard about Jesus.
- **3.** At the right time, Jesus will come back, this time as King.

PLANNING LESSON AIDS:

For Telling the Lesson, find pictures of Jesus and four disciples, the world, a cross, a modern crowd, a manger scene, and a crown. Make a sign reading "Do Not Worry." If you cannot find a picture of Jesus and four disciples, make a stick-figure drawing.

For Helping to Remember, provide for each student a sheet of blue paper, a quarter sheet of white paper, crayons and glue.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student.

TEACHER'S NOTES:

Time: A.D. 30

Place: Mount of Olives (overlooking Jerusalem)

The Lord has put three pieces of good news in this week's Scripture.

First, although a dark time of war, famine, distress, even cosmic disturbance will come, Jesus tells His own, "Be ye not troubled" (Mark 13:7). This implies that God will care for His people, whatever the circumstance.

Second, Jesus promised that a wave of preaching will reach the entire world with the gospel.

The third climaxes all. Jesus will return - not as the Baby in Bethlehem or the Teacher from Galilee but as King of kings and Lord of lords. The quarter's lessons conclude on that joyous note.

BEGINNING THE LESSON:

When a friend says something exciting is going to happen, what do you usually ask right away? Most people ask, "When?"

That is just what Jesus' friends asked one day. He had told them some news, and they wanted to know when it would happen. But Jesus did not tell them. He told them something else instead. Listen.

TELLING THE LESSON:

Jesus was sitting on the side of a mountain one day when His special friends Peter, James, John, and Andrew came to ask a question. (Show Jesus and disciples.) They wanted to know more about something He had said was going to happen.

"Tell us," they said, "when this will be."

Jesus told them that was something only God knew just then. He instead began to tell them about some things that will happen on the earth someday. (Show world.) They were things that have not happened even yet. But we know someday they will happen, because Jesus said so.

I am sorry to say that most of what He told them was not good news. Some really sad things are going to happen in the world someday.

First, many men will come pretending to be the Saviour God promised to send. Many people will believe them. And that will not be *a* good thing, because that Saviour has come already— Jesus. (Show cross.)

Jesus also said that someday all kinds of other troubles will start to happen. One of those sad troubles will be wars. People will fight each other. They will frighten other people by spreading the story that more wars are coming.

Scary earthquakes will shake the world too. (Show world.) In some places there will not be enough food to eat. The people who do not belong to Jesus will start hating everyone who does belong to Him and will make much trouble for them. All that was not happy news, but Jesus said that was the way it is going to be.

Yes, times of trouble will come. But Jesus said, "Do not worry." (Show "Do Not Worry.") You see, God knows how to take care of His people in both good times and bad times. It does not matter.

That part was good news. And there was more. Jesus said that even if bad things do happen, people all over the world are going to hear that He gave His life so that their sins could be taken away. (Show cross.) Dads and Moms and boys and girls everywhere will hear they can be God's children by repenting and believing Jesus came to die for them. (Show modern crowd.) What good news that is!

The most exciting news of all Jesus left until last. Someday He will come back. Did you know that? The first time, He came as a little baby, small enough to sleep in a manger. (Show manger scene.) He will not come that way next time. When Jesus comes back, He will be a great and wonderful King (Rev. 17:14). Everyone will see Him coming in the clouds (1:7).

Jesus is coming back to be King of the whole world. (Show crown.) And you know what a good and kind and wise king Jesus will be. He will make all the wrong things right.

No one knows when Jesus will come again, but at the right time He will. He said so. Someday the whole world will have a good King. That was happy news for Jesus' four friends. It is happy news for His people today too, because the Dads and Moms and boys and girls who belong to Jesus today will get to be with Him wherever He is (1 Thess. 4:17).

TELLING HOW TO LIVE:

One of those happy people can be you. Do you belong to Jesus? You can. If you are not sure, stay after Sunday school, and we shall look at what the Bible says about getting into Jesus' family.

HELPING TO REMEMBER:

Have the children draw a large cloud on the white paper. Inside the cloud they should draw a cross and then color yellow light around the cloud. Have the children glue this onto the middle of the blue sheet of paper and print across the bottom "Jesus Is Coming Again."

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:

"And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory" (Mark 13:26).

Jesus was going to heaven, but He promised His friends that He will come back to earth someday. He will not come as a baby. He will be a great and strong King. People will see Him coming in the clouds.

CONCLUSION:

People are always concerned about the last days. In Jesus' day as well as today, people want to know what is going to happen.

We know that one day, Jesus is coming again. He will return with power and glory and set up His kingdom.

PRAYER:

Dear God, we are grateful for all that You have done. Thank You for sending Jesus to be the Saviour of the world. Thank You that He is coming again as King of kings and Lord of lords. Help us to serve You as we look forward to that day, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON:

Next week's lesson begins a new quarter and deals with instructions for worship. Study 1 Timothy 2:1-6; 3:14-16 "Teachings About Prayer."

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