**THE SON OF MAN IS COMING**

Mark 13:1-37

Key Verses: 13:26-27

*“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.”*

1. Read verses 1-4. What did one disciple comment as they left the temple? What did Jesus teach his disciples through prophesying the destruction of temple? What two questions arose in the disciples’ hearts as they thought about Jesus’ prophecy?

2. Read verses 5-8. What strong warning did Jesus give? Why are deceivers so dangerous and effective? What are some signs of the end of the age? Why does Jesus refer to these times of suffering as “birth pains?” What should be our view of the world and history?

3. Read verses 9-13. What kinds of persecutions should disciples expect? What makes these so hard to bear? How is God using these for his own purpose? What must we do (10)? What encouragement does Jesus give us (11b, 13)?

4. Read verses 14-23. By referring to “the abomination that causes desolation” what specific event is Jesus foretelling (2,14a; Dan 9:27; 11:31; 12:11)? How should his people respond (14b-19)? How does God show mercy to his people in times of great distress and deception (20-23)?

5. Read verses 24-27. What cataclysmic signs will precede Jesus’ Second Coming? How is this event the end of human history? Describe Jesus’ coming (26; Rev 1:7). What will the Son of Man do when he comes again (27; Mt 25:31-33; 1Th 4:14-17)? What hope does this give us?

6. Read verses 28-37. What lesson should we learn from the fig tree? Who knows when Jesus will come again (32)? What must our attitude be as we wait (5, 9a, 23a, 33, 35, 37)? What must we be doing until he comes (34-36)?