

**LIFE OF CHRIST**  
from the gospel of  
**Mark**

**LESSON 41**

**THINGS THAT WILL  
HAPPEN**

**MARK 13:1-23**

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### Younger Verse

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### Older Verse

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### Lesson Goals

**Learn that Jesus talked about what would happen before He returns**  
**Recognize that Jesus wants us to be prepared for what will happen**  
**Understand that God wants all people to hear the Good News**

### Opener

*Did you know that Jesus is coming back one day? The Bible says that He is coming to take His followers to Heaven with Him. It is exciting to think about, but we need to make sure we are ready!*

### Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

The last time we met, we learned that loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength is the most important commandment to obey. And Jesus said the second greatest commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself.

One day, Jesus and His disciples were leaving the Temple. The disciples noticed how amazing the Temple looked, with the huge stones and all the decoration. When Jesus heard this, He told them about something that would happen years later. He said that one day, the Temple would be destroyed. And this really did happen. (The Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D.)

This made the disciples wonder about the future. So Jesus continued telling them about other things that would happen in the future. He wanted them to be prepared for things to come. And He wants us to be ready for the future as well.

The first thing Jesus warned His disciples about was people who would come along saying they are the Messiah. Remember, the Messiah is the one sent by God to save the people. Who is the *real* Messiah? Jesus is! So Jesus said to be careful not to believe anyone else who says they are the Messiah. He has already come! And the Bible says that when Jesus comes again, He will come in the clouds with "great power and glory" (Mark 13:26). That is how we will know it is Him.

Jesus went on to warn the disciples about wars, earthquakes, famines, and other troubles. He said that more of these things will happen the closer it gets to His return. He said that times will get tough for His followers. Believers will have to stand up for what they believe, even when people don't like them and want to hurt them! Jesus said that His followers

need to not give up, but “endure to the end.”

Why do you think Jesus wanted His followers to know about these things? If we know something is going to happen, we can get ready for it. Jesus wants to make sure people are ready for His return. He used words like, “Watch out!” and “I have warned you!” to help us be prepared.

Jesus does not want us to be afraid though. He told His disciples not to worry about what to say when people didn’t like them. He said that the Holy Spirit would give them the words to say. When we believe in Jesus as our Savior, He gives us the Holy Spirit to guide us and teach us about God. We can ask God to help us know what to say when people ask us about Him.

**Jesus wants everyone to know Him.** He said that before He returns, He will give people in every nation the chance to hear about and accept Him. There are people around the world who are telling people about Jesus. We need to pray for them and do our part to share about Jesus with those we know.

The way to be ready for Jesus to return is to know Him personally. Ask God to forgive you of your sins. Believe that Jesus died and rose again. Invite Christ to be the Lord of your life. He will always be with you.

#### Review Questions

1. What were some things Jesus said would happen before He comes back? (Wars, earthquakes, famines, and other troubles)
2. Why did Jesus tell the disciples not to be worried about what to say when people didn’t like them? (He said the Holy Spirit would tell them what to say.)
3. What must happen before Jesus will return? (People in every nation will have a chance to hear about the Good News.)

#### Prayer Time

Thank God that He has given us a way to be right with Him, through Jesus Christ. Pray that we will share the Good News and help others to be ready for His return.

#### Life Application

In 2 Peter 3:9, Peter tells us that God is waiting for more people to be saved. He wants everyone to have a chance to hear the Good News. He also tells us how we should be living as we wait for Christ’s return. He says that we should “live holy lives and serve God, as you wait for and look forward to the coming of the day of God” (2 Peter 3:11-12).

We may think that God is being slow in coming back. But He is giving us time to help others know Him! Remember, God’s timing is perfect. Let’s trust His plan and follow His commands.

Planning for Lesson 42  
Be Ready  
Mark 13:26-37

## **Preschool Lesson for Things That Will Happen**

Hi, boys and girls! It's great to see you. Do you know anyone from another country? Do they know about Jesus? See, in other parts of the world, some people don't get to learn about Jesus like we do. So there are people called missionaries who go to other places to tell people about Jesus. That makes God really happy!

Did you know that Jesus is coming back one day? Won't that be awesome?!? When He comes this time, though, it will be different than the first time. The first time He came, He was born in a stable and grew up and died on the cross. Then He rose again and went back to Heaven to be with God. He is up there now getting Heaven ready for His friends. When everything is ready, Jesus will come back to get those who believe in Him as their Savior. The Bible says that He will come in the clouds. Won't that be amazing?!?

Jesus wanted His disciples and us to know about some things that are going to happen before He comes back. He said that some people will not like those who believe in Him. They will want to do bad things to His followers. But Jesus said not to be afraid because He will be with us and will show us what to say and do.

Jesus also said that other things will happen to the earth, like earthquakes (have everyone stomp, shake, etc.). That is a way to warn people that they need to wake up and be ready for Christ's return!

Are you excited about Jesus coming back? It could be today!

*Sing "Awesome God" and talk about the ways that God is awesome. Tell the kids that God has an awesome plan to come back for His people. Then pray that we will share God's love with those who do not know Him.*

## **Hands-on Activities for Things That Will Happen**

Sing songs like “Do Lord,” “I’m Gonna Sing, Sing, Sing,” or “Soon and Very Soon.” Remind students that we need to help others to be ready for Jesus’ return.

Bring a globe. Have kids look at different parts of the world. Look especially at more remote areas. Pray that all people will hear the message of God’s love. Pray for the missionaries who are telling people the Good News.

Play “Hide and Seek.” Talk about how God does not hide His plan from us. He has told us that He will return and even what to look for as signs that the time is near!

One of the things Jesus said would happen is that there would be wars. We have soldiers serving in other countries. Have the kids make cards of encouragement for a soldier. Write John 3:16 on the card and pray for the soldier that will receive the card. That is a way they can do missions and obey God!

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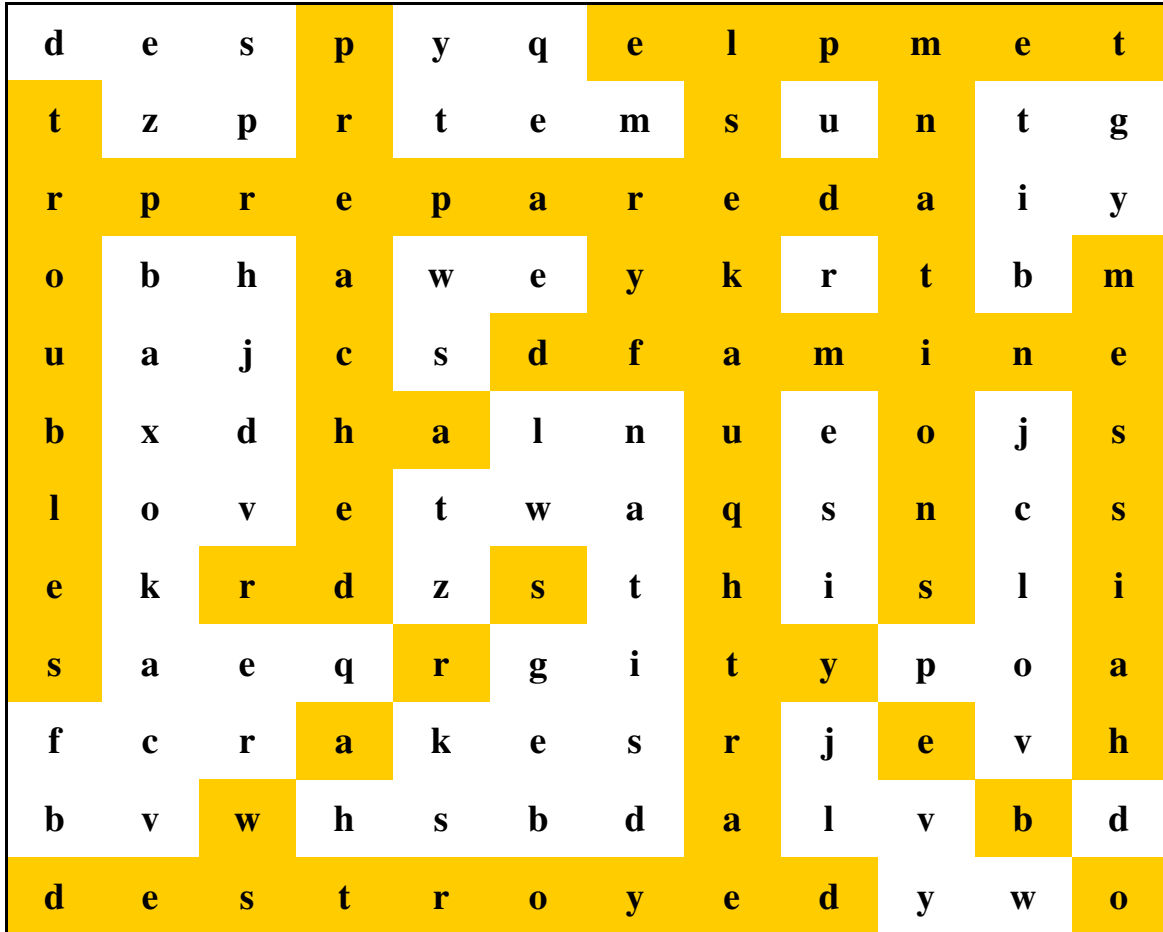
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