

“Hey Jesus...” a question on End Times

Mark 13:32-37

SERMON SUMMARY...

For the past 10 weeks, we’ve been looking at the different types of questions that different types of people asked Jesus during His earthly ministry. And what’s been amazing is that Jesus’ answers are never found wanting. His answers cut right to the heart and reveal how the Gospel is the answer to every question that we wrestle through.

This week we looked at one of the last questions His disciples asked him. Namely, “When are you coming back?” And Jesus’ answer was again, more than they were anticipating. He said, “I don’t know the date, but I do know your directive: Stay Awake.” When Jesus said to Stay Awake what He meant was being (1) Honed in on Holiness and (2) Urgent with the Mission.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS...

1. Read Mark 13: 32 – 37. Do you find it ‘concerning’ that Jesus doesn’t know the exact date and time of His return? Explore aspects of his character that are “fully human” and those that are “fully God.”
2. Four times Jesus says, “Stay Awake.” Why does He make such a big deal about vigilance?
3. Is ‘fear’ an appropriate response to Jesus’ admonishment? How should we respond?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS....

4. Why is it so hard to be ‘Honed in on Holiness’?
5. How can you increase your level of ‘Urgency with the Mission’?
6. The Bible makes a BIG deal about Jesus’ second coming. How much is Jesus’ return shaping and molding you here and now? What’s keeping you asleep? What is something you can do this week to wake up?

BIBLICAL TEXT CITED...

“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. Therefore, stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.” **Mark 13:32-37**

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