

Talk Seven

When will the King return?

Week 6, Mark 13:12-37 Discussion Questions

Choose a selection from the questions below.

Read 13:12-37

1. Do you know stories of when people confidently predicted the return of Jesus, only to be bitterly disappointed?
2. How would you respond to any one who told you today that they knew when Jesus was coming back?

From the passage, Kevin identified three signs which would indicate that the return of Jesus is drawing near

- a. widespread persecution of Christians
 - b. the abomination that causes desolation
 - c. an increasing number of false messiahs and false prophets
3. What was Kevin explaining about an immediate, then long-term fulfilment of these features?
 4. What does the passage say will happen *immediately* prior to Jesus' return? (see v24)
 5. Why might some people mourn at the return of Jesus?
 6. And yet – what will be great about the day of Jesus' return?

Kevin said - Jesus had a very practical, pastoral reason for telling us all this. And it's this: Be prepared! Live everyday as if Jesus is coming back today! Don't get bogged down in WHEN Jesus is coming back. Live every day of your life as if Jesus is coming back TODAY!

7. What kind of differences do you think an expectation that Jesus could return any day make in our lives?
8. Recall Kevin's exhortation to those who haven't yet turned to Christ in faith and repentance. What's the urgency?

From Kevin: "May the impending return of Christ our Saviour transform your life, today and always."

Reflection: What will you take away from this message and today's discussion? Share with the group if you feel able, then pray for one another.