READY FOR CHRIST'S RETURN

(6/9/2019; Mark 13:24-37; Steve Thiel; Christ Proclamation Church)

Sermon Theme – Christ's return and the judgment of the world is the next event on the redemptive calendar. Since He will come like a thief in the night, with only the Father knowing, we must be ready for His return by believing the gospel, living for the Kingdom, and longing for His coming!

I. READY FOR THE 70 A.D. JUDGMENT

A. Questions About the Judgment – (13:1-4)

B. Signs Around the Judgment – (13:5-23)
   1. Don't be deceived by non-signs – (13:5-13)
   2. Don't miss the one true sign – (13:14-22)

II. READY FOR THE FINAL JUDGMENT

A. Reality of Coming After 70 A.D. – (13:24-32)
   1. As the prophets foretold – (13:24-27; Is. 13:9-11)
   2. As the fig tree illustrates – (13:28-31)
   3. As the Father only knows – (13:32)

B. Requires a Response of Readiness – (13:33-37)
   1. Given the uncertainty of the timing – (13:33)
   2. Given the parable of stewardship – (13:34-37)

III. READY FOR CHRIST'S RETURN

A. Be Trusting in the Gospel

B. Be Laboring for His Kingdom

C. Be Longing for His Return

GOSPEL OF MARK OVERVIEW

(Summary of Mark; Fall 2018 – Spring 2019; Christ Proclamation Church; Steve Thiel)

Background of Mark (Who wrote it, when, where, and to whom?)
Mark wrote in the mid 60's (65 A.D.) from Rome on behalf of the Apostle Peter.

Occasion of Mark (What prompted Mark to write this letter?)
Nero's persecution of Christians is likely the occasion for the Gospel of Mark.

Purpose of Mark (What did Mark hope to accomplish?)
Mark's purpose is to encourage the persecuted church by demonstrating that Jesus truly is the Christ, the Son of Man (Daniel 7:1-26), King of an eternal kingdom, which is secured through His death, burial & resurrection as the Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53:1-12) and will ultimately be given to the saints of the Most High God.

Theme of Mark (What is the letter about?) – Believers are more than conquerors through faith in their crucified and risen Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, who ushers in God's kingdom with power and authority.

Outline of the Gospel Mark

I. Jesus is the Christ Introduced (1:1-13)

II. Jesus is the Son of Man Confirmed (1:14-8:30)
- A. Authority of the Son of Man Demonstrated (1:14-8:26)
  1. Amazingly Seen and Yet Rejected – Round 1 (1:14-3:6)
  2. Amazingly Seen and Yet Rejected – Round 2 (3:7-6:6)
  3. Amazingly Seen and Yet Rejected – Round 3 (6:7-8:26)
- B. Confession that Jesus is the Christ by Peter (8:27-30)

III. Jesus is the Suffering Servant Predicted (8:31-10:52)
- A. Authority of the Suffering Servant Demonstrated (8:31-10:45)
  1. Amazingly Clear and Yet Rejected – Round 1 (8:31-9:29)
  2. Amazingly Clear and Yet Rejected – Round 2 (9:30-10:31)
  3. Amazingly Clear and Yet Rejected – Round 3 (10:32-45)
- B. Confession that Jesus is the Son of David by Bartimaeus (10:46-52)

IV. Jesus is the Suffering Servant Offered (11:1-15:39)
- A. Authority of the Suffering Servant Demonstrated (11:1-15:38)
  1. Preparation for Christ's Rejection (11:1-11)
  2. Punishment for Christ's Rejection (11:12-13:37)
  3. Pinnacle of Christ's Rejection (14:1-15:38)
- B. Confession that Jesus is the Son of God by the Centurion (15:39)

V. Jesus is the Christ Confirmed in Resurrection (15:40-16:8)