

“STAY AWAKE”
Mark 13: 24-36
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I. Why is there so much confusion about this text? (vv. 24-30)

“the sun will be darkened ...moon will not give its light... heavens will be shaken”

“When you see these things taking place, you know (he) is near”

“this generation will not pass away until these things take place”

People _____ to accept what Jesus says, period.

Isaiah 13:9-10

Ezekiel 32:7-9

“He gave them a generation- forty years- to repent and embrace their Savior.”

-Gary DeMar

II. How does Jesus confirm the validity of His word? (vv. 31)

“Heaven and earth will pass away...”

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Micah 1:3-4

Nahum 1:5-6

2 Peter 3:11-13

Revelation 21:1

“The imagery employed indicates an important turning point in history, but not necessarily the last act of the historical process.”

-William Lane

III. Does this mean Jesus isn't coming again? (vv. 27, 32-37)

"But"

"concerning that day or that hour, no one knows ... only the Father"

"Be on guard, keep awake/alert. For you do not know when the time will come."

"stay awake."

"You don't know when the master of the house will come ... find you asleep."

"Be on guard"

Stay awake while Jesus is _____.

Romans 13:11-14

2 Thessalonians 3:11-12

Revelation 22:12-13, 20

"God is not stalling off the return of Christ, as if he has forgotten his promise, but is deliberately waiting in order the better reveal his love, his compassion, and his forbearance toward sinners."

-Anthony Hoekema

Questions for Digging Deeper:

1. What did the fall of Jerusalem represent?
2. How do we see God's patience and mercy in this passage?
3. Why is it important that Jesus' words came true?
4. What is Jesus calling you to do in His household?
5. How can you stay awake until Jesus comes back?
6. Is there any part of your lifestyle that needs to change so you can stay awake?