***Mark 13:36** *"If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping."*

***Mark 13:37** *"What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"*

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. We can trust God's Word because it is true.

***Psalm 119:160** *"All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal."*

***Psalm 119:89** *"All your commands are trustworthy."*

***2 Samuel 7:28** *"O Sovereign LORD, you are God! Your words are trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant."*

B. We can thank the Lord that evil will be conquered.

***Revelation 20:9** *"They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city He loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them."*

***Revelation 20:10** *"And the devil who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever."*

***Ephesians 6:10** *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.[17] Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."*

***James 4:7** *"Submit yourselves then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."*

C. We should take the time to evaluate our faith.

***Romans 3:23** *"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."*

***Romans 6:23** *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

***Romans 5:8** *"But God demonstrates His love for us in this: While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

***Ephesians 2:8** *"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and that not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, [9] not of works, so that no man should boast."*

***Romans 5:1** *"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Jesus is Coming!
Mark 13:24-37
Lesson #55
10-18-26

I. There are some signs that precede the Lord's return.

***Joel 2:10** *"Before them the earth shakes, the sky trembles, the sun and moon are darkened, and the stars no longer shine."*

***Joel 3:15** *"The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine."*

***Isaiah 13:10** *"The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light."*

****Mark 13:24** *"But in those days, following that distress, "'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light."*

****Mark 13:25** *"The stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.'*

***Luke 21:25** *"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.[26] Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken."*

II. The Son of Man will return in great power and glory!

A. Jesus will appear in the clouds.

***Acts 1:11** *"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."*

1. His return will demonstrate great power and glory.

***Mark 13:26** *"At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory."*

2. His return will be displayed for all to see.

***Matthew 24:27** *"For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."*

***Revelation 1:7** *"Look, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of Him. So shall it be! Amen."*

***Revelation 19:11a** *"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, …."*

***Revelation 19:11b** *"… whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and makes war."*

Psalm 36:5 *"Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds."*

John 14:6 *"I am the way, THE TRUTH, and the life no one comes to the Father but by Me!"*

Revelation 19:12 *"His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself."*

Isaiah 9:6b *"… And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

Revelation 19:13 *"He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God."*

John 1:14 *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

B. Jesus will be followed by an army.

Revelation 19:14 *"The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean."*

Jude 14 *"Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of His holy ones."*

C. Jesus and His army will be attacked by the armies of the world.

Revelation 16:13 *"Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet."*

Revelation 16:14 *"They are spirit of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty."*

Revelation 16:16 *"Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon."*

Revelation 14:20 *They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, the blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1600 stadia."*

D. Jesus will annihilate the enemy.

Revelation 19:15 *"Out of His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty."*

Revelation 19:16 *"On His robe and on His thigh, He has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."*

Revelation 19:17 *"And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God."*

Revelation 19:18 *"So that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."*

Matthew 24:8 *"Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather."*

III. The saints will be gathered when Jesus returns!

*****Mark 13:27*** *"And He will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens."*

Matthew 24:31b *tells us … the Lord "… will send forth His angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect …*

IV. The return of Jesus will be sudden!

A. Jesus shared a parable of the fig tree.

*****Mark 13:28*** *"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near."*

*****Mark 13:29*** *"Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door."*

*****Mark 13:30*** *"Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened."*

*****Mark 13:31*** *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."*

Isaiah 65:17 *"Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind."*

2 Peter 3:10 *"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare."*

Revelation 21:1 *"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea."*

B. Jesus stated the heavenly Father knows the time.

*****Mark 13:32*** *"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."*

*****Mark 13:33*** *"Be on guard! Be alert[e]! You do not know when that time will come."*

C. Jesus said believers should be alert.

*****Mark 13:34*** *"It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch."*

*****Mark 13:35*** *"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn."*