

Follow the King

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Sermon Questions

Date: *March 26, 2023* | Scripture: *Mark 13:1-37*

1. Read the passage from the sermon together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. What events in the world made you feel like it was the end of the world?
3. What events in your personal life made you feel like your world was ending?
4. Read Jeremiah 6:1-15 together, where God gives his reasons for the destruction of the first temple in Jerusalem. Where do you see overlap with Jesus' time?
5. Where can we find hope in Jesus' proclamation?
6. Make a list of Jesus' warnings in this passage. What did each of those mean for Jesus' disciples? How do they still apply to us today?

Inward Grace in Action (continued on back)

In Romans 8:18-29, Paul gives us insight into our hope for new creation. Read what he writes:

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.

And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 1:1, 26-2:3
- Psalm 46
- Jeremiah 6:1-15
- Matthew 27:45-54
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-28
- 1 Peter 2:21-25

Serve: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

Pray for the upcoming Gathered Grace in Action event at our McLean site. We will be packing meals for the victims of the Turkey Earthquake. Join us from 9am-4pm in the Fellowship Hall this Saturday, April 1.

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Spend some time reflecting on this passage. Look for connections with the passage from Mark and the sermon you heard this week.

- How does this passage explain suffering this side of Christ's return?
- Where can you find hope in this passage?
- What does this passage teach us about union with Christ?

ACTION: Set aside a quiet time this week to focus on the life to come. Listen to a worship song which connects, like "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery" or "Before the Throne of God Above." Consider reading the last two chapters of Revelation, or 1 Corinthians 15. You could journal about your hopes and fears for heaven or meditate on the difference between heaven (where Christians go when we die) and new creation (the recreation and merging of heaven and earth that will happen with Christ's second coming). Close by bringing some of your reflections back to God in prayer.