

Mark 13-16

Ch 13

Theme – Olivet Discourse; Take heed – Do not be misled; beginning of Birth Pangs; persecution will accompany the spread of the Gospel; the Holy Spirit will give us the words to say (v11); Midpoint of Tribulation marked by Abomination of Desolation (Dan 9:27); worst time in history of the world, but could have been worse (v20); 2nd Coming/ return of Jesus will be unmistakable; Parable of the Fig Tree; Parable of the Doorkeeper; “Stay/ be on the alert” (or watch) 3x’s in last four verses

Ch 14

Theme – Religious leaders plot to seize Jesus by stealth; Mary anoints Jesus; disciples (led by Judas) rebuke Mary & Lord rebukes them; Judas conspires to betray Jesus; Upper Room is prepared; disciples told one of them will betray Jesus; Communion; travel to Mount of Olives; Peter declares his steadfastness; Peter told he will deny Christ 3x’s before rooster crows twice (only Mark tells us this); all 11 disciples swear they would die before denying Jesus; Garden of Gethsemane; Lord prays three times; “Abba, Father, all things are possible for You” (v36); disciples keep falling asleep; Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss; disciples flee; the young man (maybe John Mark); trial at Caiaphas’s house; Lord confesses to being the Christ, the Son of God; Lord is beaten by some of the Sanhedrin; Peter denies Jesus 3x’s

Ch 15

Theme – Trial by Pilate; Pilate tries to release Jesus (knows chief priests are envious of the Lord), but people demand Barabbas (an insurrectionist); people demand that Jesus be crucified; when Pilate asks why, people yell even more; Pilate hands Jesus over to be scourged & crucified; soldiers beat & mock the Lord; on way to the cross, Simon of Cyrene is forced to carry cross of Christ; Mark mentions name of Rufus in this Gospel to the Romans (only other mention in Rom 16:13); Lord is crucified between two robbers; people & chief priests mock Jesus; only one statement from cross is recorded in Mark (“My God, My God,...”); centurion confesses who Jesus is; women who ministered to Jesus watching from a distance; Joseph of Arimathea “summons his courage” (v43) & asks for the body of Jesus; Lord is buried in a rocky tomb

Ch 16

Theme – RESURRECTION DAY!; women discover the empty tomb; encounter the angel inside the tomb; receive similar instructions to Matt 28:6-7; Risen Lord appears to Mary Magdalene; the 11 disciples refuse to believe her; Lord appears to two of His followers on road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35); the 11 disciples refuse to believe them too; Lord appears & rebuked the 11 for refusing to believe those who saw the Risen Lord; Great Commission; promise to save those who believe; confirming signs (v17-18) will accompany the Apostles (v20);
