

A NEW REALITY

As preached on Sunday, November 14th

Read: Mark 13:1-37

1. So... what do you think about the fact that Jesus has been teaching all that he's been teaching from the middle of Chapter 11 on in the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem? Why does that matter?
2. Why do you think one of Jesus' disciples declares his praise of the Temple building in v.1? How do we make the same kinds of declarations today?
3. What do you make of Jesus' response in v.2?
4. Why do you think Peter, James, John, and Andrew ask Jesus what they do in v.4? Why do they ask Jesus privately? Why not ask in front of the whole group?
5. In vv.24-31, Jesus seems to speak of two different "end times". What are they? Why do you think he talks about both?
6. In vv.32-37, Jesus addresses the timing of his eventual return. What does he say? What do you think faithful followers of Jesus should do in the time between now and his return?
7. If the day and hour of Jesus' return are unknown... even to Jesus... why are people in the world today (many of whom say they are Bible-believing Christians) so obsessed with determining the day and hour of Jesus' return?
8. What would it look like for all of us to live according to Hebrews 12:1-3 in these unique times we find ourselves in together? (Be specific.)