

When the World Quakes: Will you stay awake?

Mark 13:14–37 - Life Group Study

1. Key Thoughts

- Jesus shifts from warning against speculation to revealing events meant to strengthen faith, not fear.
- The “abomination of desolation” signals an unparalleled time of tribulation, echoing Daniel’s prophecy.
- God’s pattern throughout Scripture is to preserve His people ****through**** tribulation, not remove them from it.
- Christ’s return will follow unmistakable, cosmic signs—no counterfeits will compare.
- The central command is not “decode prophecy,” but “watch, pray, and stay faithful.”

2. Discussion Questions

- 1. Why does Jesus give prophetic details if He warns us not to obsess over signs?
- 2. How does understanding the “abomination of desolation” help us see the seriousness of this passage?
- 3. What biblical patterns stood out to you showing God sustaining His people ***through*** trials?

- 4. How should the guaranteed cosmic signs (sun darkened, stars falling, etc.) shape how we view false teachers today?
- 5. Jesus emphasizes “Watch!” What does faithful watching look like in your life this week?
- 6. In what ways does this passage encourage you to anchor your hope in Christ rather than comfort or ease?

3. Applications

- 1. Watch and Pray Daily - Set a specific time each day to pray for spiritual alertness and gospel faithfulness.
- 2. Strengthen Someone Else’s Faith - Reach out to one person this week with encouragement or Scripture.
- 3. Live Awake - Identify one area of spiritual complacency and take an action step to obey Christ boldly.

4. Closing Prayer:

- Lord Jesus, You are the King who will return in power and glory. Keep our hearts awake, our minds clear, and our lives faithful. Help us endure with courage, love, and obedience as we wait for You. Strengthen us through every trial, and anchor our hope in Your unshakable Word. Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.