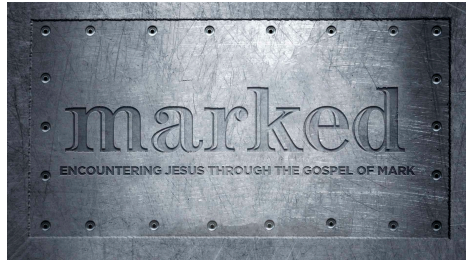


## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### The Return of the King

With Jeremy Vasic - Ministry Intern  
May 19, 2019



Mark 13:32-37 (NLT) “However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. 33 And since you don’t know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert! 34 “The coming of the Son of Man can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. When he left home, he gave each of his slaves instructions about the work they were to do, and he told the gatekeeper to watch for his return. 35 You, too, must keep watch! For you don’t know when the master of the household will return—in the evening, at midnight, before dawn, or at daybreak. 36 Don’t let him find you sleeping when he arrives without warning. 37 I say to you what I say to everyone: Watch for him!”

**Big Idea: Be watchful as you wait expectantly for the return of Jesus Christ.**

#### What are you watching for?

- Be actively watching for Jesus.

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT) So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. 16 Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. 17 Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

- Wait expectantly through any circumstance.

*“Peace on earth won’t come through war; neither will it come through diplomacy. There will be no lasting peace without the Prince of Peace. And that’s true whether we’re talking about the vast expanse of human history or the very small territory of the human heart.” – Eugene Peterson*

#### So what does this mean for us now?

- Embrace a posture of faith by...
  - Being faithful with what God has entrusted to you.
  - Living with hope for the future.



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6) In what ways are you waiting expectantly for God? How does the sacrifice of Jesus enable you and strengthen you to wait expectantly through any and every circumstance?

7) How does the reality that Christ is returning give you hope for the future? In what ways should this truth impact the way you live? What changes do you need to make in regard to this understanding?

8) How has God been speaking to you through your study? What is God asking you to be faithful with right now? How can you be watchful as you wait expectantly?



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