

Who is This Guy?

Learn about Him to Live like Him



JESUS IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Punchline Physical sleep is resting, spiritual sleep is risky



"But in those days, following that distress,"the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;



The stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken



"At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.



And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.



The Return of Jesus

- ☐ Sun and moon dark and the heavens will shake
- ☐ Angels will gather up the followers of Jesus
- Jesus in now the gathering place of believers

"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.



Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it[d] is near, right at the door.



Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.



Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.



Fig Tree Revisited

- □ Illustration about the temple
 - Looked great on the outside but was dead on the inside
- Growing violence and wars would be a sign of the temple destruction being near

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father



Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.



It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.



"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn



If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.



What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"



Be Awake

- ☐ Mini parable homeowner goes away and servants are left with tasks
- ☐ Servants are to go about their tasks while the master is away
- Master could return anytime
 - □ Don't let him find you asleep

Don't Stop Growing

- ☐ You can be a spiritual grown up but you're never done growing
- □ No box to check to say "I'm done!"

☐ Don't let God's word or voice become ineffective or not impactful



Wake The Spiritual Flame

- ☐ God gave us a spirit of power
- ☐ God gave a spirit of love
 - Perception and action
- ☐ God gave a spirit of self discipline
 - **□** Controlled strength or power



How To Stay Spiritually Awake

- □ Always be in the presence of God
- ☐ Sit with His words
- ☐ Live your life for Jesus



Where To Focus

- □ Pulled in 100 directions
 - Media, social media, life circumstances
- □ We go to sleep when we follow a trend or influencer rather than God and our calling
- Our calling is transformational

Transformational Calling

- ☐ God has us in a specific and unique place and situation
- **□** We are to be a light in the darkness



Transformational Calling

- ☐ There is a love, joy, peace, and truth inside of you
 - □ Let it come out
- **□** Be different be distinct



PLEASURE

Pleasure Over Purpose

- **☐** We all have a purpose to follow Jesus
- □ Pleasure is instant but temporary
- □ Purpose is eternal



Pleasure Over Purpose

- □ We all have a purpose to live like Jesus
- ☐ Jesus spent time with people, listened to people and loved people
- We need to do that too
- ☐ There's our purpose

Be Spiritually Awake

- **□** Always be growing spiritually
- ☐ Focus on God's focus for you
- ☐ Purpose keeps us awake
- **□** Be awake and live that purpose

