

How does this passage create an urgency to be responsible for telling others about Jesus?

What do you need to do to strengthen your hold on the truth about Christ?

What kind of future are you imagining? For yourself? For your family? For Lismore Baptist Church? For the world?

How can you foster “Jubilant Hope” in your everyday life?

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Pray for those who do not yet know Christ in your circle of influence. Name them as you pray for them.

Pray that we would “watch and pray”, and grow in hope.



# **The Words Messiah Works and in Mark Ways of Jesus**

## **Growth Group Study Guide**

**Week 6: “Are You Ready for the King?” (Mark 13:24-37)**

**12 September 2021**

### **Series Overview:**

Jesus is introduced by Mark as the Messiah foretold of old but with striking contrast to the cultural assumption. He does not come with exterior power and might, but rather as a humble servant. But the reader must not mistake humility and service with lack of power and authority. For that is the great irony that Mark pronounces. The King of the universe holding ALL power and authority comes to reign through His teaching, His serving and His suffering. Mark brings us to his conclusion succinctly through the often used word “immediately”. He rushes us to the end for which Jesus came - to suffer and die upon a cross. In fact his model of suffering is the realm to which his followers are called. In a world of suffering and hardship we also look forward with hope to receiving glory alongside Christ. What was achieved in those fateful days of His death and resurrection has made an eternal, spiritual and physical difference.

**Week 6: Are You Ready for the King?**

**Read Mark 13: 1-37**

Where do you see yourself 5 years from now? 10?

What does this passage say about the return of Christ?

What do you find confusing or difficult to understand about what the Bible says about the future?

Why do you think Jesus told us “everything ahead of time” about his return?

This passage mentions one unknown and two facts:

**Unknown:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fact 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fact 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

What is your response to each of these? How do they affect your everyday decisions?

In today’s sermon, we talked about three attitudes we carry with us as we navigate the challenges of life:

1. **Indifference (apathy, passiveness)**
  
2. **Defeat (surrender, fear)**
  
3. **Jubilant hope**

Can you think of times in your life when you carried each of these attitudes? Why did you carry them?