

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday June 12, 2016

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading Mark 13:1-4

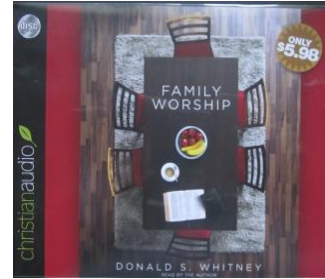
Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

A QUESTION FOR JESUS

Final Song

Benediction

New in the Rosedale Library:



'Family Worship' - An Audiobook on CD by Donald S. Whitney. This practical book will prove invaluable to families – with or without children in the home – as they learn to practice God-glorifying, Christ-exalting worship in the home through Bible reading, prayer and singing.

C.H. Spurgeon on the Olivet Discourse:

Jesus' answer to His disciples' questions contained much that was mysterious, and that could only be fully understood as that which He foretold actually occurred. He told his disciples some things which related to the siege of Jerusalem, some which concerned his Second Advent, and some which would immediately precede "the end of the world." When we have clearer light, we may possibly perceive that all our Savior's predictions on this memorable occasion had some connection with all three of these great events.

– *Exposition of Matthew*

Families of the Week

Please remember to pray for and to encourage the following people this week

- Monday** Parise, Adrien
- Tuesday** Pettit, Bryon & Jessica
Eden, Isabella, Myka
- Wednesday** Riesebosch, Jane
- Thursday** Robinson, Percy & Sheila
Mckalah, Maya, Michael
- Friday** Sadowski, Stella
- Saturday** Sarides, Costa & Isabel

ROSEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH



Reaching up....

Reaching in....

Reaching out...

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This Week at Rosedale

Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am
Admin Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm

Saturday: Ladies' Bible Study – 8:00 am

Sunday: Open Arms Breakfast – 8:00 am
Outdoor Service – 10:30 am

Kid's Club (VBS): This year's Kid's Club will be happening July 11-15 from 9am- noon. A few more volunteers are needed to help. Promotional flyers are available in the foyer

Outdoor Service: Rosedale will be participating again this year in the Rose Festival Days in the Park June 18-19. This year we have been asked by the festival organizers to host an outdoor Church service in Chippewa Park at 10:00am! (note time change) Come early for breakfast (served by Open Arms) and stay for an evangelistic service. Please note that we will not be taking a collection next Sunday and there will be no Junior Church or Christian Foundations.

Rosedale Book Club: Our first book discussion on 'Knowing God' by J.I. Packer will be happening on Sunday July 3rd at 6:30pm. Please read Part 1 (Chapters 1-6) and be prepared to discuss with the group.

Elisha House Bottle Campaign: Due to the outdoor service next week we will be collecting all Baby Bottles the following Sunday (June 26th). Please do not bring your bottle of donations to the park!

A Question for Jesus

Mark 13:1-4

I. Jesus' Prophecy (vv. 1-2)

- 1) Disciples' Admiration of the Temple
 - a. Jesus' strong denunciation of the false system of worship associated with the Temple dominates all of His teaching and activity in Mark 11-12
 - b. In spite of Jesus' strong denunciations, His Disciples' are still enamored by the Temple
 - i. Temple was at the very centre of Jewish national identity and worship
 - ii. The Temple was remarkably beautiful
 - iii. Massive stones of the Temple (some over 40 feet long!) gave the false impression that it was indestructible and eternal
- 2) Jesus' Stunning Prediction: Total destruction!

II. The Disciples' Question (vv. 3-4, cf. Matthew 24:3)

- 1) When will the devastation happen??
 - a. In the Disciples' mind the destruction of the Temple would signify the end of the age (note the phrasing of the question in Matthew 24:3)
 - b. Jesus' answer to their question in vv. 5-37 deals with 2 different events that the Disciples saw as one single event: 1) The Destruction of the Temple; 2) The Return of Christ
- 2) The Challenge of Interpretation – there is tension within this passage between the imminence of Jesus' return (ie. 'this generation' – v. 30), and the delay of Jesus' return (ie. proclamation of the gospel to all nations – v. 10). This tension has resulted in two very different approaches to interpretation:
 - a. **Classic Dispensationalism/ Futurism**
 - i. Dispensationalists tend to emphasize the future orientation of this text, and thereby minimize its historical fulfillment in 70 AD.

- ii. According to this view, most or all fulfillment of this text lies in a future 7 year period of Tribulation which will begin after the Church has been secretly 'raptured' out of the world

Problems: The strong Futurist approach makes this text practically irrelevant for the Church today, strains the meaning of "this generation" in v. 30, and does not have Jesus giving an answer to the Disciples' question about the Temple's destruction.

- b. **Preterism** - emphasizes the historical fulfillment of Mark 13 in the events of 70 AD

Problems: Preterism has Jesus answering the Disciples' question about the Temple, and makes good sense of the phrase "this generation" in v. 30, but seriously strains the interpretation of vv. 24-27 which seems to speak of the future return of Christ. Preterism also makes this text practically irrelevant for Christians living after the events of 70 AD.

Interpretive Approach to the Olivet Discourse:

The correct interpretation of the Olivet Discourse must recognize some level of dual fulfillment and/or prophetic telescoping. Either Jesus is speaking of two separate events that can be distinguished within the text, or He speaks primarily of the historic events of AD 70 and leaves room for a greater fulfillment yet to come.

Application:

- Don't get discouraged by difficult parts of God's Word: *"The main things are the plain things, and the plain things are the main things."* - Alistair Begg
- The Disciples' of Christ had their hope set on the physical Temple in Jerusalem and could hardly envision a future without it. Do you have any false hopes/ false security in the temporary things of this world which are destined to pass away?