

November 14th, 2021 Scripture: Mk 13:1-8 Title: Do We Need To Know Everything?

Introduction:

- We now live in an age when knowledge is literally exploding.
- There are many things we don't need to know but there are some things we do need to know.

1. Jesus comes out of the temple with the disciples, and they seem to be astonished.

- This might have been their first trip to Jerusalem. They probably had not gone far from the Sea of Galilee, which gave them their livelihood.
- No wonder as they were leaving the temple, some of the disciples commended on the beauty of the temple, expressing amazement at the size of the stones used to construct it. "As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" (verse 1)

2. Jesus has something he wants to tell the disciples

- The day is coming when not a stone will be left untouched.
- Peter, James, John and Andrew took Jesus aside and asked him, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" 3-4 NRSV
- Jesus says that you don't need to know the day that this will happen but here are some things you need to know:
- "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and will lead many astray.
- When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come... (vv. 5-8).

3. So what do the disciples need to know? What do we need to know?

- We need to know that false shepherds exist.

4. We need to know that faithfulness to God is not about buildings, regardless of their size.

- The temple was beautiful. But the temple of stone and marble was destroyed. All that remains is a wall. Yet, the church of Jesus Christ is alive and well.

5. When our temples and stones fall and become rubble:

- Jesus reminds us that in the midst of the rubble, God is standing there to help us rebuild.
- We don't need to know when Jesus is coming again. But we do need to be ready.

Conclusion: What should we do?

1. Keep calm.
2. Be alert and watchful. Jesus, tells us to "keep awake." (Mark 13:35).