

Teaching Outline

Welcoming a New Year

Mark 13:1-13 (NLT)

As Jesus was leaving the Temple that day, one of his disciples said, "Teacher, look at these magnificent buildings! Look at the impressive stones in the walls."² Jesus replied, "Yes, look at these great buildings. But they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!"³ Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives across the valley from the Temple. Peter, James, John, and Andrew came to him privately and asked him,⁴ "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to be fulfilled?"⁵ Jesus replied, "Don't let anyone mislead you,⁶ for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many.⁷ And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately.⁸ Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in many parts of the world, as well as famines. But this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come.⁹ When these things begin to happen, watch out! You will be handed over to the local councils and beaten in the synagogues. You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me.¹⁰ For the Good News must first be preached to all nations.¹¹ But when you are arrested and stand trial, don't worry in advance about what to say. Just say what God tells you at that time, for it is not you who will be speaking, but the

Holy Spirit.¹² A brother will betray his brother to death, a father will betray his own child, and children will rebel against their parents and cause them to be killed.¹³ And everyone will hate you because you are my followers. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

What can we take from this passage with us into 2019?

One: Be _____ who you listen to.

Two: Be a _____ of what you believe.

Three: Keep the _____ until the _____.

Let's make 2019 an _____!

Closing Song: The Lord's my Shepherd, by Stuart Townend