

## Five Stones Church

# Sermon Study

Keep Scripture Relevant with Study Guides



### Be Intentional

Before you start your study time, make sure you create an environment for Holy Spirit revelation.

### Study Group

You can discuss difficult questions or topics with your small group or study partners.



### Note-Taking

Take notes in an organized style to help you understand the subject more clearly. Take notes on Sunday

### Become Equipped

Challenge yourself to memorize Scripture and key points from Sunday's sermon



## **Opening Prayer:**

Invite God's presence into this study. Pray for understanding, peace, and clarity as we explore these profound promises and teachings about the End Times.

## **Anchor Scripture:**

And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days.

Mark 13:20-27 (NKJV)

## **Sermon Study Guide - Mark 13:19-37 - The Great Tribulation—God's Justice and Mercy**

Jesus prepares His disciples for the future, emphasizing the tribulation to come. He speaks of unprecedented suffering but assures believers of God's mercy in shortening those days for the sake of the elect.

### **Key Themes**

- The Great Tribulation as a time of justice and mercy.
- The elect as chosen individuals who respond to God's call.
- The coming of the Son of Man in power and glory.

### **Reflection Questions**

1. How does Jesus' warning about false prophets apply to your spiritual discernment today?
2. What does it mean to you that God's mercy is present even in times of judgment?

### **Action Item**

Memorize Mark 13:26-27 and meditate on the hope of Christ's return.

## **Signs of the Times**

### **Scripture Focus:** Mark 13:19-21

Jesus describes an unparalleled time of tribulation. Humanity will face trials that test faith, but God's mercy will sustain those who are His.

### **Key Words**

- Elect (Greek: eklektos): Chosen, precious, called by God.
- Flesh (Greek: sarx): Humanity, physical life.
- Saved (Greek: sōzō): To preserve from destruction, to bring to salvation.

### **Reflection Questions**

1. How can understanding God's desire for all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:3-4) shape your interactions with others?
2. In what ways can you prepare yourself spiritually for trials?

### **Action Item**

Spend time in prayer, asking God to help you identify opportunities to share the gospel with others.

## **Scripture Focus:**

Revelation 20:4 (NKJV)

'...I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus...'

## **The Tribulation Saints**

During the tribulation, many will come to faith but face severe persecution, often martyrdom. Their perseverance serves as an example of unwavering faith.

## **Reflection Questions**

1. How does the example of the tribulation saints inspire you in your daily walk with Christ?
2. Have you faced subtle forms of persecution? How did you respond?

## **Action Item**

Write down ways you can stand firm in your faith and pray for boldness in sharing Christ, even in challenging circumstances.

# The Mystery of Tribulation

**Scripture Focus:** Revelation 1:3 (NKJV)  
'Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy...'

## Understanding Revelation

The tribulation can seem mysterious, but it's God's plan to bring ultimate justice and restoration. Reading and studying Revelation is a source of blessing and insight.

## Reflection Questions

1. What fears or hesitations do you have about studying Revelation?
2. How does knowing God's plan provide comfort in uncertain times?

## Action Item

Commit to reading Revelation 1 this week. Journal your thoughts and insights.

# **The Four Horsemen**

**Scripture Focus:** Revelation 6:1-8

## **The Horsemen's Symbolism**

1. White Horse: Deceptive peace (Antichrist).
2. Red Horse: War and violence.
3. Black Horse: Economic collapse and scarcity.
4. Pale Horse: Death and destruction.

## **Reflection Questions**

1. How does the warning of these events motivate you to trust in God's sovereignty?
2. What steps can you take to strengthen your faith in times of uncertainty?

## **Action Item**

Share the hope of Christ with someone this week, emphasizing God's control over all things.

# God's Protection and the 144,000

## Scripture Focus:

Revelation 7:4 (NKJV)

'And I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000...'

## God's Sealed Servants

The 144,000 witnesses represent God's special protection over His people, reminding us that He cares for His faithful servants.

## Reflection Questions

1. How does knowing you are marked for a divine purpose encourage you?
2. In what ways can you trust God's provision during personal challenges?

## Action Item

List three areas in your life where you need to trust God more deeply. Pray over these areas daily.



# Christ's Return and Our Mission

## Scripture Focus:

Mark 13:26-27 (NKJV)

'Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.'

## The Coming of Christ

Jesus' return is the ultimate hope for believers. Until then, we are called to share the gospel and live faithfully.

## Reflection Questions

1. How does the promise of Christ's return shape your priorities?
2. What steps can you take to be a faithful witness for Christ?

## Action Item

Identify one person in your life who needs to hear the gospel. Pray for an opportunity to share Christ's love with them this week.

## **Closing Prayer:**

Lord, thank You for Your justice, mercy, and promises. Strengthen our faith and guide us to live boldly for You until Christ's return. Amen.

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## **Action Steps:**

Take heart in knowing that God's justice and mercy prevail. Amid trials and tribulation, His grace is sufficient, and His promises are true. Stand firm, be watchful, and live each day in the hope of Christ's return.

