

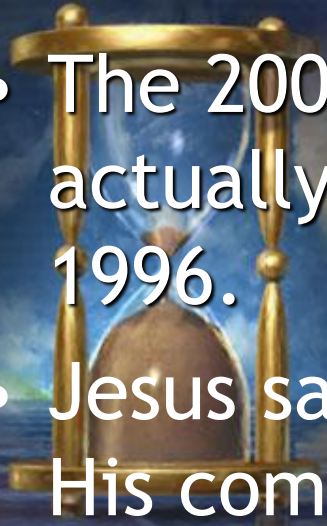
Will This Be The Year?

Mark 13:32-37



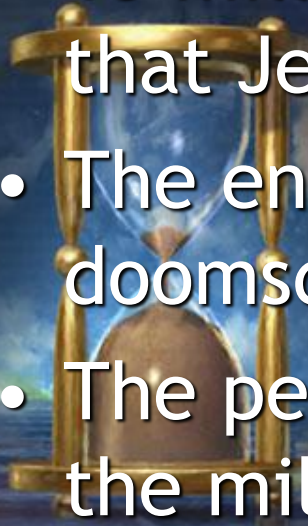
Doomsday

- The world is still in existence.
- Many religious people have become obsessed with date-setting scenarios.
- The 2000th year after the birth of Christ actually came and passed in 1994, 1995, or 1996.
- Jesus said there would be no special sign of His coming.



Hinge Date In History

- People were hyped up to believe that 2000 was a “monumental hinge date in history.”
- 15 million people in this country believed that Jesus would return on January 1, 2000.
- The entertainment Industry capitalized on doomsday predictions.
- The people who most exploited the turn of the millennium were religious teachers.



Second Coming Of Christ

- We need to be ready for His coming at any moment.
- If God gave us the precise time of Christ's return, the natural tendency of people would be to put off following Christ till the last minute.
- When you do not know the exact time that someone is coming, it changes your outlook on getting ready.
- The most dangerous of all delusions is that there is plenty of time.



2026

- Could this be the year that Jesus returns?
- To be ready for Jesus' return should not be based on predictions of men; but based on the fact that Jesus said to be ready at all times.
- Christ's delay should be viewed as a sign that God loves us and wants to give us every opportunity to get ourselves ready.
- When you woke up this morning and found that Christ did not return, you got another chance.

Our Concern

- What should be our concern?
 - That God will continue to build us into a healthy church
 - That we will continue to celebrate the Lord in our worship in spirit and in truth
 - That we will continue to preach the gospel
 - That we will continue to demonstrate the compassion of Jesus to the community around us



Conclusion

- New Year's Resolutions:
 - I will grow to a new level in my prayer life.
 - I will grow to a new level in my worship.
 - I will grow to a new level of service.
 - I will grow to a new level of closeness in my association with God's family.

