

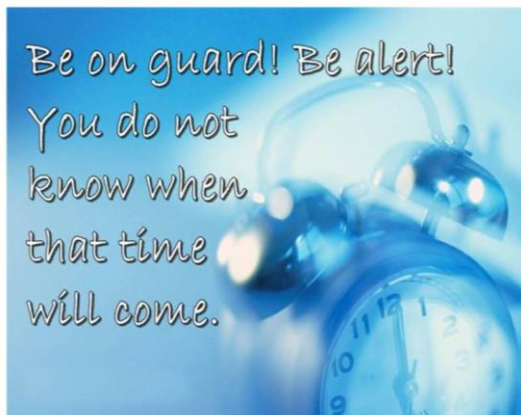
Alert or Asleep at the End? **Mark 13:28-37**

What one can know about the end times: 28-31

- ❖ Recall the question in 13:4 is expanded as seen in Matt. 24:3
- ❖ Fig tree again, 11:13-21 (why judgment vs. when Jesus returns)
- ❖ 29b, *it or he is near . . .* See Lk. 21:31 for help.
- ❖ 30, *this generation* = which generation? Note context and see Matt. 23:3-36 (destruction only vs. deliverance / deliverance). This generation won't *pass away* as promised by One whose words likewise won't *pass away* (recall the church not in view).

What one can't know about the end times: 32-37

- ❖ Transitional marker in v.32 (ESV best: *But concerning*) shifts topic focus or introduces a new subject, cf. 12:26, I Cor. 7:1, 25, 8:1, 12:1, I Thess. 5:1 (we go from knowable to unknowable).
- ❖ *That day and hour* = ? Rather than limit this to the 2nd coming see Joel. 1:1, Zeph. 1:18, 2:1ff., I Thess. 5:1-4, Rev. 3:10.
- ❖ Issue of suddenness / unknowability in doorkeeper lesson plus Lk. 21:34-36, I Thess. 5:2,3, II Pt. 3:4,10 strongly suggest the entire tribulation period is in view.



What does it mean to be awake and not to be asleep? See in 14:37,38, Lk. 21:34, I Thess. 5:5-8, Rom. 13:11, Matt. 24:13ff.

Am I awake or really asleep? What should I be aware of if I am not awake at the most important time?