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REGULAR LESSON

The Doorkeeper: Ready Without a Date

TODAY'S BIG IDEA	Jesus will return in glory. Instead of guessing the date, his people stay awake by doing the work he gave them.
BIBLE READING	Mark 13:24–37
MEMORY VERSE	"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." (Mark 13:31)

1 Spoiler alert

Would you rather know when a test is, or have a pop quiz? Why?

2 Read and answer

Mark 13:24–27 But in those days, after that oppression, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light, the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. Then he will send out his angels, and will gather together his chosen ones from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the sky.

1. **What happens to the sun, moon and stars?**

2. **Who gets gathered “from the four winds”?**

Mark 13:28–31 “Now from the fig tree, learn this parable. When the branch has now become tender, and produces its leaves, you know that the summer is near; even so you also, when you see these things coming to pass, know that it is near, at the doors. Most certainly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things happen. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

1. **What does a fig tree with new leaves tell you?**

2. **Jesus says heaven and earth will pass away. What won’t?**

3. **Challenge question: “This generation will not pass away until all these things happen.” What could Jesus mean?**

Mark 13:32–37 But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Watch, keep alert, and pray; for you don't know when the time is. "It is like a man, traveling to another country, having left his house, and given authority to his servants, and to each one his work, and also commanded the doorkeeper to keep watch. Watch therefore, for you don't know when the lord of the house is coming, whether at evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning; lest coming suddenly he might find you sleeping. What I tell you, I tell all: Watch."

1. **Even Jesus said "nor the Son" knows the day. Why might that be?**

2. **What two things did the master leave his servants?**

3 Why is this good news?

"That in all my sorrows and persecutions, with uplifted head I look for the very same person, who before offered himself for my sake, to the tribunal of God, and has removed all curse from me, to come as judge from heaven."

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 52 (1563) · Read it in the Reading Room

Underline the words in the box that make Jesus' return good news.

4 Job cards

Three jobs Jesus has given me right now:

- At home: _____

- At school: _____
- With friends: _____

5 Pray

Maranatha! (“Our Lord, come!” 1 Corinthians 16:22)
“Lord Jesus, keep us awake. Help us do the work you have given us. Amen.”

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