

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
How The King will Get His Throne – Mark 13

1. Think back to Mark 11-12 and all that has happened since Jesus entered Jerusalem. What are you expecting Jesus to do with the temple? Consider the words of Malachi 3:1-5.
2. Given the words of Psalm 48:12-14, why are Jesus words in verse 2 a surprise? What purpose did the temple serve? Why will it be destroyed?
3. Read verses 3-13. Is Jesus speaking about the end? Or not? What point is Jesus making here? (Hint: look at verses 7, 8b and 13).
4. Read verses 14-23. Now read Daniel 9:27, 11:31 and 12:11. If Jesus is speaking about his suffering and death, how can we understand his warnings in verses 15-23? What do you think Jesus means by the days being cut short?
5. As one of the elect, why is it good news for you that God shortened those days?
6. Remembering Peter's confession in 8:29, what danger were the disciples in according to verses 21-23?
7. Read v24-27. Jews understood that time was split in two: the New Age and the Old Age. Now read Daniel 7:1-14 (and up to v28 if you have time). If Jesus' resurrection and ascension is the Son of Man getting his kingdom, how would you describe the Old and New Ages now? How does that help to explain Jesus' words in verses 5-13? (Hint: verses 10 and 27 are related).
8. Read the two mini parables in verses 28-31 and 32-37. What is their main point? Jesus has repeated a warning throughout this chapter – what should the disciples have learnt from it? Did they?
9. We live in a different time to the disciples in chapter 13. Jesus has been crucified and risen and his kingdom has begun. In what ways do we need to still be alert? What distractions and false saviours do you need to be on guard against?