When And What? #1

Mark 13:1-13

Intro. A. Jesus went to the temple before He went to the cross:
1. It was His Father's house.
2. It was a house of prayer.
3. It was persecuted and abused.

B. Jesus left the temple:
1. There are times to go and times to leave.
2. He could not do His Father's will in the temple.
3. Jesus spoke and demonstrated His hunt and anger and left the temple and its hypocrites to what Luke called, "the days of vengeance," 21:22

C. Jesus and the voice of pride:
Vs. 1
1. "And as he went out of the temple."
2. "One of his disciples saith unto him."
3. "Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!" (Sounds still heard today.)
4. "And as some spake of the temple, how it was adornned with goodly stones and gifts..."

Luke 21:5

D. The sobering truth about things temporal:
Vs. 2
1. "And Jesus answering said unto him."
2. "Seest thou these great buildings?"
3. "...there shall not be left one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down."

E. The desire of His disciples:
Vs. 3
1. The setting and the questioners.
Vs. 4
2. The questions, when, and what?
III. Specific Warnings And Instruction To The Apostles And The Early Church

A. They must give their testimony.

Vs. 9 1. "you yourselves must keep your guard up always."
2. They will be beaten. Acts 4:18, 29

Vs. 10 13. They were brought to every circumstance.
14. They and others will preach the gospel to the known world. This is what they would do.
   "Published" = κηνοσιω = "to be a herald, to preach."

B. Their specific instructions.

Vs. 11 11. "take no thought" = προμεριναω = "to be full of anxiety and distracting thoughts." This type of fear deadens our possibilities. Don't dwell on the "what if's" of the future. Growing old is not a "what if" but is a possibility.
12. This applies to: "what ye shall speak."
13. "premeditate" = μελεταω = "to plan out something so as to be able to do it."
14. They would be speaking during the time of all of the gifts (spiritual). This would be after the day of Pentecost. Some of what they would say would be included in the New Testament. Paul Before Agrippa, and Felix.

IV. The Terrible Price They Must Pay.

A. As Jews they would be punished as those who blasphemed God.

Vs. 12 11. They would be false prophets to others.
12. The most difficult tests of loyalty would occur. Their loyalty to Judaism would cause them to tell on their loved ones.