

Gospel Meditation

The Lesson of the Fig Tree & No One Knows the Day or Hour Mark 13:28–37

1. A “fig tree” is considered by some to refer to the nation of Israel. And remember, “Israel” means the people belonging to God. Now Jesus is teaching a “lesson” to His disciples.
2. By observing the fig tree as it matures toward the day it will provide fruit to eat, one can see that summer is near. Referring back then to what Mark has presented, verses 13:3–37, Jesus says that when certain events come to be, regarding the end of the age, that is, the end of the universe, then they will know that “he is near,” meaning His return and the great resurrection and judgment and heaven itself.
3. Then mysteriously He says, “heaven and earth will pass away,” and this is taken to mean the physical universe as we know it. Indeed, it had its beginning, and it will have its ending.
4. As to when this will occur—no one except the Father knows. Here we see Jesus including Himself as not knowing, which points to His becoming flesh, as the Word become flesh. And indeed, we will never have a full and complete understanding of the incarnation.
5. Jesus is clear that it is not for us to focus on the “when” of His return. No, we are to go about the work He has called us to do.

Notes:

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Leader: Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Congregation:** And also with you.

The Gloria Patri

Hymn: #342 Rock of Ages

Call to Worship: *Sh'ma Yisrael Adonai Elohenu Adonai echad*
“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

Leader: We are here to struggle with God.

This holy God with whom we have to do.

People: **Who calls for us to turn away from our sin;**

Who commands that we love Him;

Who demands that we love our neighbor;

Who invites us to follow His Son along the narrow way.

Leader: Let us worship this God with Whom we will wrestle.

Morning Prayer — Prayers of the Church — Silent Prayer

Collect of the Day

OUR LORD JESUS, YOU HAVE ENDURED THE DOUBTS AND FOOLISH QUESTIONS OF EVERY GENERATION. FORGIVE US FOR TRYING TO BE JUDGE OVER YOU, AND GRANT US THE CONFIDENT FAITH TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS LORD. Amen.

We Confess our Faith — The Apostle's Creed

Scripture Reading: Matthew 24:36–44; Mark 13:14–27; Mark 13:28–37; Luke 24:24–36; John 7:14–24

Memory Verse: Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33)

Reflection: We are to be on guard and stay awake.

Choruses: “Jude’s Doxology” & “Knowing You” & “You’re the Lifter of My Head” & John and Merrily and choir.

Offertory Theme: Giving: a sign of intimate fellowship.

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Ways to give when not present at service:

- 1) Go to the “Giving” page of our website: milleravenuechurch.org/giving and click on the “Donate” button, then follow the link.
- 2) Download the GivePlus+ app on your smartphone, then input Miller Avenue Church and follow the instructions.
- 3) Text a dollar amount (e.g., \$25) to 844-918-0231, then follow the link.
- 4) Mail a check to Miller Avenue Church, 285 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941

The Doxology

Announcements:

Birthdays, **NEW!:** fellowship dinner and study at the parsonage Wednesdays, 5:30–7:00, Friday night prayer, lunch after service, and food in the silver refrigerator.

Bible Exposition: John 7:14–24 (Matthew Waite)

Hymn: #401 The Church’s One Foundation

The Sermon:

The Lesson of the Fig Tree & No One Knows the Day or Hour

Mark 13:28–37

(Kent preaching)

Benediction song:

“We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored,
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes they’ll know
we are Christians by our love.”

Aaronic Benediction (Numbers 6:24–26):

May the LORD bless you and keep you; may the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Shalom. Amen.

Visit our church website: www.milleravenuechurch.org:

TV Shows, Worship Service Videos, Audio Sermons, Essays, Pastor’s Blog, Community Blog, Newsletters, Bulletins, Photo Gallery, Giving Portal, and more!

Also visit our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/miller.avenue.church.mill.valley>

Did you know?

Our “Miller Avenue Church” video-on-demand apps are now on:
Your iPhone (at the App Store) or Android phone (at the Play Store) plus

Roku

Apple TV

Fire TV

Google TV

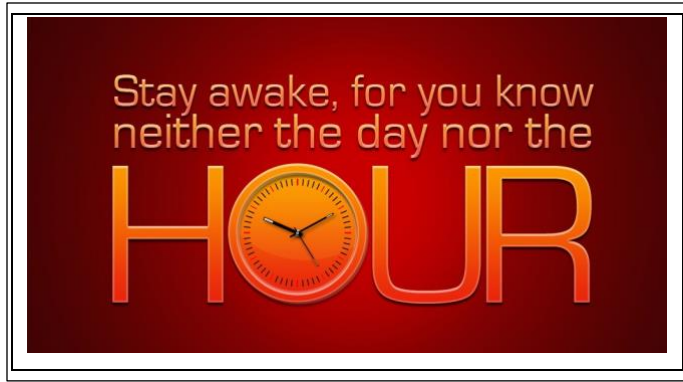
YouTube

Cross.TV

Our Bible Study podcasts and Sunday morning sermons are also on:
Apple podcasts, Amazon music/audible, Gaana, YouTube Music, iHeartRadio,
Radio.com mobile app, and Spotify (look for “Miller Avenue Church”)

Questions? ask katie@milleravenuechurch.org





Ministry Associates

- Kent Philpott** – Senior Pastor
- Katie Philpott** – Associate Pastor
- Vernon Philpott** – Associate Pastor
- James Daley** – Preaching/Treasurer
- Daniel Dover** – Preaching/Handyman
- Andrea Busta** – Audio-Visual
- Shirley Laur** – Pastoral Ministry
- Rebeka Etuku** – Preaching/Facilities
- Juan Carlos Garcia** – Spanish Pastor

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
SUNDAY	
Morning Worship (<i>in person and via Zoom</i>)	10:30 am – 12:00 pm
Lunch and Gathering	12:20 pm – 1:20 pm
Spanish Evening Worship (<i>in person</i>)	3:00 – 4:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	
Divorce Recovery Workshop (<i>via Zoom</i>)	6:50 – 8:30 pm
Meal and Study in the parsonage	5:30 – 7:00 pm
FRIDAY	
Bible Study in the parsonage	6:00 – 7:30 pm
Prayer Meeting in the chapel: English and Spanish	8:00 – 9:00 pm
SATURDAY	
Donated food distribution in the Hall	10:00 – 11:00 am

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,
 Creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son,
 our Lord. He was conceived by the power
 of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin
 Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead. On the third
 day He rose again. He ascended into
 heaven and is seated at the right hand
 of the Father. He will come again
 to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
 Christian Church, the communion
 of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. **Amen**

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Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread and
 forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
 those who trespass against us.
 Lead us not into temptation
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory forever. **Amen**

Visitor Information Card

✂ Please tear off and fill out card. Place in offering basket or give to church staff member.

Today's Date: _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Prayer Request

Please pray for:

Other comments:

I would like someone to contact me to pray over more confidential matters.

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to learn more about:

- Christianity
- The Bible
- Baptism
- Receiving Counseling
- Deliverance Ministry
- Other _____

I am interested in helping with:

- Lunch
- Fix-up and Clean-up
- Donated Food Pick-up
- Worship music
- Worship Audio/Visual
- Television Crewing
- Pastoral Care Team
- Teaching
- Writing and Publishing
- Website Maintenance
- Other _____

I am interested in attending:

- Wed. Eve. Divorce Recovery
- Men's Group (TBD)
- Women's Bible Study (TBD)
- Zoom Class on Christian Theology

Other Comments:

**Upcoming Preaching Schedule
Morning Service:**

- Oct. 20:** Sermon= Mark 14:1–11 (Kent)
Expo= John 7:25–31 (Richard)
- Oct. 27:** Sermon= Mark 14:12-25 (James)
Expo= John 7:32–36 (Rebeka)
- Nov. 3:** Sermon= Mark 14:26–42 (Kent)
Expo= John 7:37–39 (James)

Spanish Sunday Afternoon Service:

3:00–4:30 p.m.

Filming schedule at CMCM has resumed most Thursday afternoons. Contact Kent or Katie if you are interested in learning how to crew on our productions.

TV Program Viewing Schedule
(View all on cable channel 26 or 99)

- Why We Are Christians: Saturdays 1:30 and Fridays 7:30 PM*
- Bible Study: Fridays 8:00 PM*
- Spiritual Paths and the Pastor: Sundays noon, Mondays 2:30 PM*

For current daily broadcast schedule, check online at cmcm.tv/watchcommunity

Giving:

Monthly Budget	\$4,000
*Giving for October	\$2,263

*Does NOT include digital giving



Miller Avenue Baptist Church

An Evangelical and Reformed Congregation*

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,
to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
(Romans 1:16)*

Welcome!

October 13, 2024

*We claim the original, non-political, Biblical meaning of "Gospel Proclamation"