

## "Something Wonderful This Way Comes" Mark 13:24-37 ◆ Pastor Jim Lennon January 22, 2023

*Introduction* –*Jesus continues to answer the disciple's questions about future events.* 

## I. The Wonderful Things to Come.

- A. After the Tribulation, Jesus will return to the earth.
- B. The signs of His return include astronomical changes.
  - 1. The sun -
  - 2. The moon –
  - 3. The stars –
  - 4. The heavens -
- C. The imagery recalls the Old Testament references to "The Day of the LORD." (Joel)
- D. Then we will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds.
- E. Jesus' return will be visible, physical, personal and literal.
- F. "Coming in the clouds" is another image from the Old Testament.
- G. What is the significance of Jesus coming in the clouds?

## II. Lessons From the Parables.

- A. The parable of the fig tree.
  - 1. Be aware of the signs of His coming.
  - 2. We will know that He is near.
- B. Jesus then answers the disciples first question- (v.4) "when?"
  - 1. First, the destruction of the Temple. .
  - 2. Second, Jesus' return. . . .
- C. The parable of the absent homeowner.
  - 1. Know two things:
  - 2. Do three things:
- D. The personal impact of the reality of Jesus' imminent return:
  - 1. Integrity
  - 2. Morality
  - 3. Faithfulness
  - 4. Compassion
  - 5. Example: Forgiveness -

## Conclusion