WHAT IF JESUS HAD COME YESTERDAY?
MARK 13: 32-37

INTRO:
1. Normally, when we think and talk about the coming of Jesus we do so using the future tense.
   A. This is because of the fact that Jesus has not come in judgment upon all humanity.
2. However, this morning I would like for us to approach the concept of the second coming of Jesus in the past tense.
   A. I would like for us to come to some kind of an understanding of what today would be like in our lives if Jesus had come yesterday.

BODY:
1. If Jesus had come yesterday it would have silenced numerous things that are common to us.
   A. Wars - Bloodshed - loss of loved ones or friends - loss of land and homes.
   B. Lusts - lust for money and or possessions.
   C. Criticism - criticism of elders, teachers, preachers, etc.
   D. Crime - murders, rapes, robberies, etc.
   E. Hunger - the cries of the hungry would be heard no more.
2. If Jesus had come yesterday it would mean that each of us would now be in eternity.
   A. Each of us is an eternal being, regardless of what men may say who attempt to teach otherwise.
      1. Therefore, had God chose yesterday to bring about the end of earth time we would now be in eternity - John 5:28, 29.
      2. There can be no doubt concerning this if we accept the Bible to be God's word.
   B. The question is not, "Would we be in eternity?" but, rather, "Where in eternity?"
      1. The Bible clearly teaches us that there is but two destinations for the final abode of all souls.
         A. Heaven - Mt. 25:34; John 14:1-4; 1 Thess. 4:16,17
         B. Hell - Mt. 25:41; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Mt. 25:46
   C. If Jesus had come yesterday where would you be right now?
      1. If married where would your mate be?
      2. If you have accountable children, where would they be?
3. Supposing that Jesus came yesterday, let's think about your life as it was yesterday.
   A. Where you about your Father's business? - Lk. 2:49.
   B. Were you expecting the Lord? - 2 Tim. 4:6-8.
   C. As a Christian what was your attitude yesterday?
      2. Did you have coldness toward a brother or sister? - John 13:34, 35.
      3. Did you owe an apology to a fellow Christian? - Mt. 18:15-18.
   D. What was your relationship to Christ?
      1. As you stood before God would Jesus have claimed you as his own? - Mt. 10:32, 33; Lk. 12:8; 1 Pet. 2:9
4. If Jesus had come yesterday, today would be to late to do many things.
A. It would too late to learn of the Lord and love him - John 14:15.
B. It would too late to study the Bible - 2 Tim. 2:15.
C. It would be too late to be faithful in attendance - Heb. 10:25.
D. It would be too late to preach the gospel - Mk. 16:15.
E. It would be too late to give, as we should - 2 Cor. 9:6, 7.
F. It would be too late to think about prayer - 1 Thess. 5:17.
G. It would be too late to obey the gospel - John 8:24; Lk. 13:3; Acts 8:37; Acts 2:38.

CONCLUSION:
1. The Lord did not come yesterday, but He may come today or tomorrow - Mk. 13:32-37
2. Jesus has extended His invitation - Mt. 11:28-30.
3. Some day He will cease to extend it.
   A. Why not obey before that day comes and it will be too late?