Jesus said to his disciples, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heavens and earth will
pass a-way, but my words will not pass a-way. 32 “But a-bout that day or hour no one knows, nei-
ther the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but on-ly the Fa-ther. 33 Be-ware, keep a-lert; for you do not
know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man go-ing on a jour-ney, when he leaves home and
puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35
Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the mas-ter of the house will come, in the ev-
’ning, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes
sud-den-ly. 27 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep a-wake.”

V The Gos-pel of the Lord. R Praise to you, Lord Christ.