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# Fed Hikes-Now What?- Apple Earnings?



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Let's go over recent news that has been affecting the markets.

#1 PMI Manufacturing Report- showed CONTRACTION at 47 but improving. HEY inventory levels were sky HIGH after supply chain/Covid problems so what did you think manufacturers were going to do make more?? NOW inventories are considered at the lower end of too high. STAGFLATION sounds right as PRICES PAID spiked from 49 to 53/Forward looking New Orders ROSE

#2 JOLTS- showed a moderating labor market but before you put your party hats on it's still at 1.65 to 1 jobs avails to job seekers. Quits did tick down most since Dec 2020 BUT the PMI report showed WAGES & SALARIES GREW solidly/Employment OVER 50

Finally, despite all the lay off talk in big tech (grossly over hired in pandemic) and banking (guess why?) we added 1 mill jobs in Q1!

#3. USA Default Date JUNE 1ST!-- Secretary Yellen is Yellin' DEFAULT & Stocks act as if she yellin' FIRE inside a movie theatre!

OK Many of you may have a far away look in your eye as you've watched the screens today.....that is unfortunate.

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S&P 500- 4210-4020-3980, 3100 worst QQQ 330 318 295 213 worst, IWM 190-195 180 153 worst, Gold \$2100/\$1810/1520 worst Silver \$26-22 \$20 worst, Crude Oil 84-88 67-65 under 60?? worst, 10 yr yield 3.50% 2.65% 2.12% worst. Dollar 106 98 95 worst

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*Now, today's the alert...*

## **05/04/23 - Fed Hikes-Now What?-Apple Earnings?**

We got the most obvious Fed moves yesterday of 25 point hike and the usual jubilation that the fed is done hiking. We wish we had a dollar for every time "Wall St" said the Fed was done since they started the hiking cycle in March 2022-we'd have millions\$\$\$\$.

Truthfully; the Fed nor anyone knows how high or long the tightening cycle will last as they first thought hikes would slow the labor market and now they hope that regional banks anticipated tighter lending will do it. HOPE is not a strategy! Tomorrow JOBS Report

Yes; the 10 yr Treasury is pressing the low end (we said that RESISTANCE was 3.60%-3.80% a great buy trade for Bonds!). We now have the HIGHEST Fed funds since 2007....who cares?...we also have the most INFLATION since the 1980's and the the LOWEST unemployed in 50 years! Now throw in a Fed Balance Sheet still way into the \$8 TRILLION\$ & National Debt \$31 + TRILL

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The BIGGEST MISTAKE this year was investors following Newsletters & Bulls OVER the Crude Cliff actually since the TOP at 131 Last night; we saw a print with a 63 handle BUT we have bounced UP. Memorial Day DRIVING SEASON may be a rescue BUT we said that 84-88 is the wall to climb for BULLS to have their day. GOLD hit \$2085 last night (resist 2050-2100) but had backed off.

We told you RESISTANCE SPX QQQ IWM all have held so far so IF the Fed wins; we may be looking at PEAK EARNINGS Now. IF the banks will do the work for us FAILS; rates will RISE; S&P goes toward 4300-4350 area and LABOR/WAGES problematic

We have told you it's GROWTH (Tech) over VALUE (staples utils dividend payers) since Q4 2022 and NO CHANGE yet-we monitor

AAPL EARNINGS expected UP on weak Dollar? How long will MSFT META NVDA AMZN GOOGL run? Do you KNOW Hedging??

Where are you positioned? Are you in Tech, Energy or still hoping TSLA will return? Are you hold Gold ABOVE \$2000-post 400 run?

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