End Times

(The Olivet Discourse)

Mark Chapter 13

Key Points

- 1. Jesus is the Son of God.
- 2. He was crucified and died for the sin of the world and He rose from the dead. He is Lord!
- 3. He will return one day, and
- 4. we should live with that in mind; we need to stay alert!

The Temple Area



"Is it not written: 'MY HOUSE WILL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS'? But you have made it a DEN OF ROBBERS." Mk 11:17 (NASB 2020)

Things to Come

As He was going out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, look! What wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

Mk 13:1-2 (NASB 2020)

As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew were questioning Him privately, "Tell us, when will these things come about, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?" And Jesus began to say to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and they will mislead many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end. For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are only the beginning of birth pains.

Mk 13:3-9 (NASB 2020)

"But be on your guard; for they will hand you over to the courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. And when they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given you at that time; for you are not the ones speaking, but it is the Holy Spirit. And brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by everyone because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

Mk 13:10-13 (NASB 2020)

"Now when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION standing where it should not be--let the reader understand--then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. Whoever is on the housetop must not go down, nor go in to get anything out of his house. And whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. But woe to those women who are pregnant, and to those who are nursing babies in those days! Moreover, pray that it will not happen in winter.

For those days will be such a time of tribulation as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will again. And if the Lord had not shortened those days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days. And then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ'; or, 'Look, there He is'; do not believe it; for false christs and false prophets will arise, and will provide signs and wonders, in order to mislead, if possible, the elect. But beware; I have told you everything in advance.

Mk 13:14-23 (NASB 2020)

"He who has not seen the Temple of Herod has never seen a beautiful building."

(Babylonian Talmud, Baba Bathra 4a)



"Teacher, look! What wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!"



Warning: don't be impressed by worldly stuff



Warning/Insruction	Reason
See to it that no one misleads you	Many will come in My name and mislead many
Do not be alarmed	Those things must take place; but that is not yet the end. Nations and kingdoms will rise up against each other, there will be earthquakes and famines
Be on your guard	You will be handed you over to the courts, flogged
Do not worry beforehand about what you are to say	You are not the ones speaking, but it is the Holy Spirit

Stay the Course

they will be hated by everyone because of His name, BUT...

the one who has endured to the end will be saved

I have decided to follow Jesus...

the cross before me, the world behind me... though none go with me, still I will follow... no turning back...

Warning/Instruction	Reason
Flee to the mountains	When you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION standing where it should not be

Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

Da 11:31 (NASB 2020).

Temple Mount Enclosure (70 A.D.)



Warning/Instruction	Reason
Must not go down must not turn back	To get anything go get his cloak
Pray that it will not happen in winter	For the days will be such a time of tribulation

Warning/Instruction	Reason
Do not believe (if someone points to a false Christ)	For many false christs and prophets will arise
Beware	I have told you everything in advance

For, some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and a group of about four hundred men joined him. But he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. After this man, Judas of Galilee appeared in the days of the census and drew away some people after him; he also perished, and all those who followed him were scattered.

Acts 5:36-37 (NASB 2020)

The Return of Christ

"But in those days, after that tribulation, THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL BE FALLING from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN CLOUDS with great power and glory. And then He will send forth the angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven.

Mk 13:24-27 (NASB 2020)

Order of Things

Cosmic events (e.g., Is 13:9-10, Is 34:4)



Believers
caught up
together in the
clouds with the
Lord (e.g., 1Th
4:16-17)

Son of Man coming with the clouds of heaven (e.g., Da 7:13-14)

Parable from the Fig Tree

"Now learn the parable from the fig tree: as soon as its branch has become tender and sprouts its leaves, you know that summer is near. So you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that He is near, right at the door. Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

Mk 13:28-32 (NASB 2020)

"Watch out, stay alert; for you do not know when the appointed time is. It is like a man away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay alert. Therefore, stay alert--for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning-- so that he does not come suddenly and find you asleep. What I say to you I say to all: 'Stay alert!'"

Mk 13:33-37 (NASB 2020)

Recap

Son of God – the Lord talking Some things fulfilled by A.D. 70 Other things yet to come Jesus gave numerous warnings/instructions... Similar events happening today The one who has endured to the end will be saved Warnings/instructions still relevant for our lives Jesus will return one day

BE PREPARED

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away."

Only God knows when,
So
STAY ALERT

Yes, I am coming quickly.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

Amen.

Rev 22:20-21 (NASB 2020)