

“THE FALL OF JERUSALEM”

Mark 13:1-27

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I. How does Jesus get into a conversation about “last things”? (vv. 1-4)

“As he came out of the temple”

“what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!”

“There will not be left one stone upon another that will not be thrown down,”

“When will these things be...?”

“...what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?”

Jesus declared that the _____ time in God’s plan was coming to an _____.

Ezekiel 10

Matthew 24:3

Hebrews 8:13

“The only thing Jesus had found in its precincts to commend was the whole-hearted devotion of a poor and insignificant widow!”
-Sinclair Ferguson

II. What are the signs the temple is about to be destroyed? (vv.5-27)

“Many will come in my name...lead many astray”

“wars and rumors of wars”

“earthquakes...famine:”

“deliver you over to councils...trial...hated by all for my name’s sake”

Key sign: *“the abomination of desolation” → “flee to the mountains”*

Jesus _____ His people for the _____ times to come.

Daniel 11:31-32; 12:11

Matthew 24:30

Revelation 2:9-10

“Jerusalem could no longer keep the covenant mercy of God within its walls.”
-Sinclair Ferguson

III. How should we live in similar hard times? (vv.5-27)

“See that no one leads you astray”

“Be on your guard”

“Don’t be anxious beforehand”

“cutting short the days”

“Be on guard”

Trust the _____ Son of Man & make Him _____.

2 Timothy 3:12

Revelation 2:5

“In the meantime, he is working patiently for the salvation of men. Jesus says we should do the same.” -Sinclair Ferguson

“It means that the return of the Lord is now the next great event on the divine calendar.” -Sinclair Ferguson

Jesus, God’s perfect prophet, can be trusted with your life.

Signs	Command
Many will claim to be from Jesus to lead people astray: Christian cults	Beware no one leads you astray!
Wars and rumors of wars; famine and earthquakes (birth pangs)	Don’t be alarmed!
Persecution by the government/betrayal by those close to you	Be on your guard & preach the gospel! Don’t be anxious (Spirit will help)!
Abomination of desolation	Flee! Immediately!
False messiahs & prophets to lead astray	Don’t believe them! Be on guard!

Questions to Dig Deeper:

1. How have you viewed this passage in the past? Did anything challenge your views? What?
2. Which current signs make you question the current reign of Jesus?
3. How has Jesus prepared you for hard times?
4. Which of these gospel commands do you struggle most to obey?