

The Gospel of Mark

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Mark Chapters 13 and 14

Day 42: Destruction of Temple, Signs of the End Mark 13:1-13

- **Jesus predicts Temple will be destroyed:** Mark 11:15-17; Luke 19:41-44; Heb.10:1-4
- **Beware:** *blepete*; be on guard; occurs three times in chapter 13
- **Do not be deceived:** Jer. 29:8; John 8:24; Col. 2:8
- **Deliver you:** persecution by authorities and family: Luke 12:11-12; John 15:18-21
- **Those saved will endure to the end:** Mark 8:35; Heb. 9:27-28; Rev. 2:10

Assignment: Read above verses. How will Jesus' followers suffer as they proclaim the gospel? How do Jesus' words give us hope to endure persecution and disaster?

Day 43: The Abomination of Desolation, The Coming of the Son of Man Mark 13:14-27

- **Abomination of Desolation:** idolatrous person or object that profanes the temple: Dan. 9:27, 11:31-32; 12:11; 2 Thes. 2:1-12; 1 John 2:18
- **Near and Far Future:** destruction of Jerusalem and Great Tribulation
- **Beware false christs and prophets:** Deut. 13:1-3; Rev. 13:13-14, 19:20
- **Coming of the Son of Man:** in the clouds: Dan. 7:13; Acts 1:9-11; Rev. 1:7
- **Sake of the elect:** days shortened, elect gathered

Assignment: Read above verses. How are believers to distinguish between true and false prophets, especially when they perform miraculous signs? How can you take care to not be deceived?

Day 44: Lesson of the Fig Tree, Timing of Return Unknown: Mark 13:28-37

- **This generation:** *genea*: contemporaries or a group of people descended from a common ancestor
- **My words will not pass away:** Isa. 40:6-8, 55:11; Jer. 31:35-37
- **Stay awake:** be diligent to watch and work until the Lord's return

Assignment: Read above verses. Consider Jesus' warning to be prepared for His return. Would you be ready if he came today? If not, what would you need to change in your life?

Day 45: The Plot to Kill Jesus Mark 14:1-11

- **Religious leaders seeking to kill Jesus**
- **Mary's Devotion:** sacrificial worship: John 12:1-8
- **Judas' Betrayal:** for money: Ps. 41:9; Luke 22:3-6

Assignment: Consider the actions of Mary, Judas and the religious leaders in response to Jesus' words and actions. Can people tell you follow Jesus by your words and actions?

Day 46: The Passover Mark 14:12-25; Exodus Chapter 12

- **First Passover:** the LORD passed over the Israelite homes covered by the blood of a lamb
- **Woe to man who betrays Jesus**
- **My body:** bread represents his once-and-for-all sacrifice
- **My blood:** wine represents his once-and-for-all shed blood as atonement

Assignment: Read 1 Pet. 1:18-19. Why is Jesus called the Lamb of God? How does Jesus' blood protect his followers from judgment?

Day 47: Pete's Denial Predicted, Jesus Prays Mark 14:26-42

- **You will all fall away:** Zech. 13:7
- **Jesus prays:** what You will
- **Watch and pray:** willing spirit, weak flesh: Rom. 7:15-23
- **The hour:** betrayal into the hands of men

Assignment: Jesus prayed to his Father before his suffering and death. As his followers do we remember to pray and seek the Father's will in our trials?

Day 48: Jesus' Arrest and Trial before Council, Peter's Denial Mark 14:43-72

- **Betrayed with a kiss:** deception; following Satan, the father of lies
- **False witnesses cannot agree:** need 2 or 3 witnesses
- **"Are you the Christ?" Jesus answers: "I am."** Lev. 5:1; Ps. 110:1; Heb. 1:3
- **Strike him:** Is. 50:6, 53:2-3
- **Peter denies Jesus three times:** failed to pray three times

Assignment: How do the events of Jesus' nighttime arrest and trial show the cowardice, deception and malice of men? What is ironic about the charge of blasphemy against Jesus?