

Sermon Series: **The Gospel of Mark**
Sermon Title: **Signs of the End, Part I**
Sermon Text: **Mark 13:1-13**

Mk 13:1-37. For parallel versions, see Mt 24:1-51; Lk 21:5-36.

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Warning of the temple’s destruction.

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| I. | THE AFFIRMED DESTRUCTION OF THE SACRED SYMBOLS | 1-4 |
| A. | THE SCANDALOUS CATASTROPHE | 1, 2 |
| 1. | A Troubling Revelation | |
| 2. | The Total Ruin | |

Recall the bigger picture of the temple. See Mk 14:58 (53-58); cf. Jn 2:19 -22.
 Judging by outward appearance, cf. 1 Sam 16:7. Yet, we must care for, cherish, and honor

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| B. | THE STRESSFUL CONCERN | 3, 4 |
| stimulates curiosity | | |
| 1. | The Private Discussion | 3 |
| 2. | The Pursued Details | 4 |

No promise of victory, peace, ease; rather, theology of the cross, its broader context in Mk 8:31-38.

Verses 5-13 = Disastrous characteristics of the present age, the epicletic interim between the First and the Second Coming of Christ.

This should not be surprising for it is part of the earlier prophetic discourse, Jer 28:8, 9, for example. The purpose of this section is not to teach us to prepare for the future or to strive to overcome our superior opponents, but to trust in the power, promise, and the Presence of the faithful covenant God who is accomplishing his sovereign purpose in history through the church of Jesus Christ, “his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.” Eph 1:23.

Warning against false teachers begins with “see.”

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| II. | THE ATTEMPTED DECEPTION OF THE STEADFAST SAINTS | 5-8 |
| A. | THE ALERTNESS TO BE EMPLOYED | 5, 6 |
| 1. | Against the Destructive Plot | 5 |
| 2. | Against the Dishonest Proclamation | 6 |
| B. | THE ADVERSITIES TO BE EXPECTED | 7, 8 |

In other words, these events must take place before the end comes. These are necessary prerequisites and portents of the end

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| 1. | National Conflicts | 7, 8a |
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2.	Natural Calamities	8b
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Warning against persecution begins with “be on your guard.”

III. THE AGGRESSIVE DELIVERANCE UNTO SEVERE SUFFERING 9-13

Subject: the disturbing reality of unjust suffering in the life of the believer. Recall the Petrine assertion and comfort in 1 Pe 2:18-23.

A.	THE MISERY THAT IS SWORN	9, 10
1.	For Your Commitment	9
2.	With Its Consolation	10
The heralding, proclamation of the gospel.		
B.	THE MERCY THAT IS SUPPLIED	11-13
1.	The Divine Assistant	11
2.	The Declared Assurance	12, 13