

Series: Basic Gospel of Mark
Title: Jesus and The Last Days
Text: Mark 13:1-37
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Two concepts that are important to our understanding of the last days...

1. **EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAST DAYS (READ MARK 13:1-27)**

Five events that will mark the last days...

A. **The Destruction of the Temple (Mark 13:1-4)**

B. **False Teaching/Apostasy (Mark 13:5)**

2 Thessalonians 2:3

2 Timothy 3:13-14

C. **Persecution of God's People (Mark 13:9)**

Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judæa, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome, where all things hideous and shameful from every part of the world find their centre and become popular. Accordingly, an arrest was first made of all who pleaded guilty; then, upon their information, an immense multitude was convicted, not so much of the crime of firing the city, as of hatred against mankind. Mockery of every sort was added to their deaths. Covered with the skins of beasts, they were torn by dogs and perished, or were nailed to crosses, or were doomed to the flames and burnt, to serve as a nightly illumination, when daylight had expired. Nero offered his gardens for the spectacle, and was exhibiting a show in the circus, while he mingled with the people in the dress of a charioteer or stood aloft on a car. Hence, even for criminals who deserved extreme and exemplary punishment, there arose a feeling of compassion; for it was not, as it seemed, for the public good, but to glut one man's cruelty, that they were being destroyed. **Tacitus**

D. **A New Heaven and New Earth (Mark 13:24-25)**

Ezekiel 32:7

Isaiah 65:17

2 Peter 3:10

E. The Return of Christ (Mark 13:26)

2. RESPONSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LAST DAYS (READ MARK 13:28-37)

Three primary responses believers should have to His end-times doctrine...

A. Be on guard against deceptive “Christian” teaching (Mark 13:21-23).

“Gullibility is no mark of a saint or of piety...God gave us our wits for self-protection.” **A.T. Robertson**

B. Avoid setting dates (Mark 13:32-33).

C. Serve Christ (Mark 13:34-37).

“Be doing something that the devil may always find you engaged.” **Jerome**

“It should be your desire to do something in the present life that will live after you are gone.” **Charles Spurgeon**