

The Last Days According to Jesus Part 1  
Mark 13:1-23, 28-31  
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**My Understanding**

Temple Destruction: vv. 1-23, 28-31

Return of Christ: vv. 24-27, 32-37

**What we believe as a church.**

*X. Last Things (BFM 2000)*

*God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. According to His promise, Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly in glory to the earth; the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell, the place of everlasting punishment. The righteous in their resurrected and glorified bodies will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.*

**We must read the text through the following lenses...**

- Textual: Mark 13 is the culmination of Jesus' teaching about the temple.
- Historical: We must learn to listen to Scripture as the first disciples would have heard it.
- Mark's Purpose then and now is to encourage present faithfulness.

**Six Attitudes for Enduring to the End**

**1. Trust in the promises of Christ (1-4)**

**2. Watch out for deceivers. (5-6)**

- Trust in the real Christ!

- Be students of the Bible!

### **3. Do not fear a world full of trouble. (7-8)**

- 3 Proper Responses to Trouble.
  - Do not be afraid. (7)
  - Show compassion.
  - Understand your value to God. (8)

### **4. Expect persecution, but do not despair. (9-13)**

- The issue for the disciples is not how can they learn the timing of the end times, but how will they respond under persecution?
  - Persevere do not fear. (7, 11)
  - Persevere with the Spirit's Help (11, 13b)

**These signs, however, *are not* harbingers of the end. The disciples should not allow themselves to become entangled in false hopes or be paralyzed by false fears**

### **5. Prepare for intense suffering. (14-23)**

- Great suffering is coming. (19)
- There is comfort in the midst of tribulation. (20)

### **6. Trust in the words of Christ. (28-31)**