

## Signs of the End of the Age - Mark 13:1-31

*Topics:* Family, Future, Gospel, Holy Spirit, Last Days, Persecution, Perseverance, Prophecy, Second Coming, War, Worry

### Open It

1. What have you read or been taught about the Second Coming of Christ?
- \* 2. Where do you see yourself ten years from now?
3. What do you find confusing or difficult to understand about what the Bible says about the future?

### Explore It

4. How did Jesus use the conversation of His disciples as an opportunity to teach? (13:1-2)
5. What did Jesus mean when He said the temple stones will be “thrown down”? (13:2)
- \* 6. What did Jesus’ disciples ask Him privately on the Mount of Olives? (13:3-4)
- \* 7. How did Jesus respond to His disciples’ question? (13:5-8)
8. What was Jesus’ main reason for telling His disciples what signs would precede the end of the age? (13:5)
9. How do we know Jesus was talking about a time still to come and not merely the fall of Jerusalem that took place in A.D. 70? (13:6-30)
10. Why did Jesus tell His disciples not to be alarmed when they would hear of wars? (13:7)
11. What must happen before Christ returns? (13:10)
12. How did Jesus tell His followers to act when they were arrested for their faith? (13:11)
13. What did Jesus tell His followers to do to be assured of eternal life? (13:12-13)
14. Where will “the elect” be during the “days of distress”? (12:19-20)
- \* 15. What will be the greatest temptation during the “days of distress”? (13:21-23)
16. What do Christ’s words “if that were possible” mean? (13:22)
17. What events will happen right before the Second Coming of Christ? (13:24-25)
18. What will Christ’s return be like? (13:26-27)
19. What did Jesus want us to learn from the blossoming of a fig tree? (13:28-29)
20. What did Jesus say we could count on happening? (13:29-30)

### Get It

21. Why do you think Jesus told His disciples not to worry about what to say whenever they were arrested for their faith?
22. Why do you think Jesus has told us “everything ahead of time” about His return and the end times?
- \* 23. What signs from this passage do you think have already been fulfilled?
24. What can we do to make Christ’s return closer?
25. How can we be involved in spreading the gospel to all nations?
26. How can a person be sure he or she is saved and will inherit eternal life?
27. How can we be on our guard against false Christs and false prophets who perform signs and miracles to deceive us?
28. How does the promise of the Holy Spirit’s active presence encourage you to follow Christ through difficult times?
- \* 29. What can we do to avoid being deceived by false teachings about God or spiritual matters?

### Apply It

- \* 30. What can you read or do this week to strengthen your hold on the truth about Christ?
31. What concrete action can you take to become more actively involved in telling others about Christ?