



**This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. 1 John 2:5b-6**  
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**We are a planning people  
God has a plan  
We're part of God's plan**

### **Mark 13:1-37**

1 Lesson of Jesus: Teaching on God's Plan in the present & future  
Purpose : To inspire faith, endurance and hope in Christians in the face of suffering & future events

Place/Occasion: The Mount of Olives (150 feet above The Temple, 300 feet above the city of Jerusalem)

Old Testament Backdrop: The Day of the Lord (see Isaiah 13:6-16)

### **Mark 13:1-13**

**Backdrop: The Destruction of The Temple (13:1,2)**

<sup>1</sup> As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

<sup>2</sup> "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down."

**Mark 13:3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately,**

**Mark 13:4 "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"**

## **OUTLINE for Mark 13:5-13**

**Mark 13:5-8: Don't be deceived by pretenders and understand catastrophic events**

**Mark 13:9-13: Don't allow persecution to thwart allegiance to Jesus Christ**

**Mark 13:5,6 <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you.**

**<sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many.**

**Mark 13:7 When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.**

**Mark 13:8 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.**

**Mark 13:9 "You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them."**

**Matthew 5:11-12:**

**Mark 13:10 And the gospel must first be preached to all nations.**

**Mark 13:11 Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.**

**Mark 13:12-13**

**<sup>12</sup> "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup> All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved."**

Perseverance of the Saints: assurance of salvation belongs to those who persevere in their faith until the end which is only possible by God's grace. They are kept in faith by the power of Almighty God and enabled to persevere to the end.

## **Lessons**

- 1. Suffering & Persecution are all within God's Plan (1 Peter 4:12, James 1:2)**
- 2. Don't lose hope: Jesus is Coming Back! (Mark 13:26)**
- 3. Don't try to determine a precise timetable for the end (Mark 13:32, 2Cor.5:7)**
- 4. Live in light of the 2<sup>nd</sup> coming of Christ (1 Peter 4:7-11)**

**Action Step 14: Know, Live & Proclaim God's Plan**