

## Answering Questions on the End Times Mark 13:1-27

**The disciples ask two important questions on the end times.** Mark 13:4

*"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?"*

- What will happen in the End Times? Mark 13:5-27; Matthew 24:1-31; Luke 21:7-28
- When will this take place? Mark 13:28-32

**Watch out for misleading signs of end times** Mark 13:5-13

To mislead= in Greek, planao: to orbit around the wrong thing but not know it

- Watch out for misleading prophets. (v. 6)  
*"Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and will mislead many."*
- Watch out for current events that mislead us about end times. (v. 7-8)  
*"wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, famines" ... "these are merely the beginning of birth pangs."*
- Watch out for the persecution of those who believe in Jesus, for the Gospel must spread worldwide. (v. 9-13)  
*"You will be hated by all because of My name, but the one who endures to the end, he will be saved." Mark 13:13*  
Acts 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 11:23-29

**Watch for the true signs of end times** Mark 13:14-27; Matthew 24:16-17; Luke 21:20-28

*"But when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION standing where it should not be (let the reader understand), then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains." (v.14)*

- Watch for the sign of the "abomination of desolation" (v.14)
- What is the "abomination of desolation?" Daniel 9:26-27, 11:31-33

### **Past events:**

- Antiochus Epiphanes sets up an abomination in Jerusalem. On December 16, 167 BC, he builds an altar to Zeus and sacrifices a pig in the temple. The response is the Maccabean revolt.
- In 70 A.D., Romans under Titus destroy Jerusalem and Temple. Mark 13:2

**Future event:** The 'antichrist' will attack temple worship and believers in Jesus. Antiochus Epiphanes foreshadows this future antichrist.

Daniel 7:23-26; 9:25-27; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, 8-9; Revelation 11:1, 2; 13:1-10, 14-15

- Watch and prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus. (v. 24-27)
  - He returns after the great tribulation and cosmic disruptions.  
Matthew 24:21; Daniel 7:13, 14; Zechariah 14; Revelation 6,8, 9, 16; Joel 2:28-32; Isaiah 13:10
  - We should look for His return. Revelation 19:11-19 (see **Digging Deeper**)

**When will this take place?** Mark 13:28-37

*"Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come." (v.33)*

**Why is this important?** 1 John 2:28-3:3

## Digging Deeper + LifeGroup Discussion:

Jesus warns us to “keep on the alert” for the end times events, which culminates in the second coming of Jesus Christ. Below are some scriptures that teach us about Jesus second coming.

Read these verses discuss how you are instructed to live in light of Jesus’ return:

**1 Corinthians 11:23–26** – *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.*

**1 John 2:28–3:3** – *Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him. See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*

**Titus 2:11–14** – *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.*

**2 Timothy 4:8** – *...in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.*

## Next Steps:

**JOIN A LIFEGROUP:** LifeGroups are ongoing small group communities that gather together throughout the week to CONNECT in a smaller setting, GROW together in our faith, and REACH out together to our community. To get involved or for more information, contact Connections + LifeGroups Pastor, Robert Carter, at [rcarter@calvarylife.org](mailto:rcarter@calvarylife.org), or indicate “LifeGroups” on The Card (located in the chair rack in the seat in front of you). [calvarylife.org/lifegroups](http://calvarylife.org/lifegroups)

## In Response:

**COMMUNION:** Communion is a “meal” for believers in Jesus Christ to help us give thanks and remember His death on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. The matzah bread represents the body of Christ given for us. The cup of juice represents the blood of Christ that was shed to pay the price for our sins. We are called to examine ourselves before taking communion (Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34). We typically pass communion elements the first Sunday of the month. Most other weeks, communion is available at tables around the room after the sermon.

**GIVING:** The offering is received during each Sunday service. This is a way to express a wholehearted trust in God and worship Him through giving. It is also an act of obedience to God that helps free us from money having mastery over us. Tithing is a biblical command of 10% as a baseline of giving, but the New Testament calls us as followers of Jesus to give even more. Our prayer is that you plan ahead to give purposefully and joyfully to God, helping to further ministry locally and globally in Jesus’ name. Discover ways to give on the front of the bulletin or [calvarylife.org/give](http://calvarylife.org/give)

**PRAYER POINTS:** These locations at the front right and left of the Worship Center will have people available to pray with you during the time of singing after the sermon and after the service as well. These people are excited to pray with you about anything in your life, including praying to tell Jesus that you believe in Him as God and trust Him for salvation. They will also pray for any health needs, stresses, worries, family members, temptations or anything else.

**PRAYER ROOM:** The Prayer Room is located at the front right of the Worship Center Auditorium through the doorway behind the Prayer Point. This is a quiet space that you can go to at anytime during the service to be able to pray and reflect on what God is doing in your heart.

