

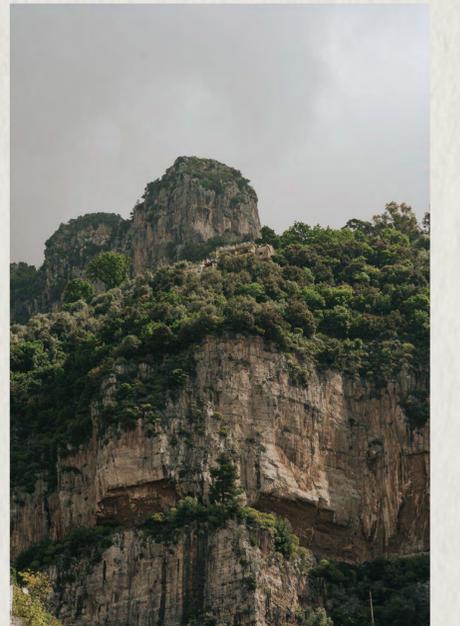
12 THE KING'S
PREDICTIONS

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RETURN

Mark 13:1-37

A STUDY OF

Mark



Holy Week in Mark

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| Sunday | The King's Arrival | Mark 11:1-11 |
| Monday | The King Clears the Temple | Mark 11:12-25 |
| Tuesday | The King's Controversies | Mark 11:27-12:37 |
| | The King's Predictions | Mark 13:1-37 |



Mark 13:1-4 ^{NIV}

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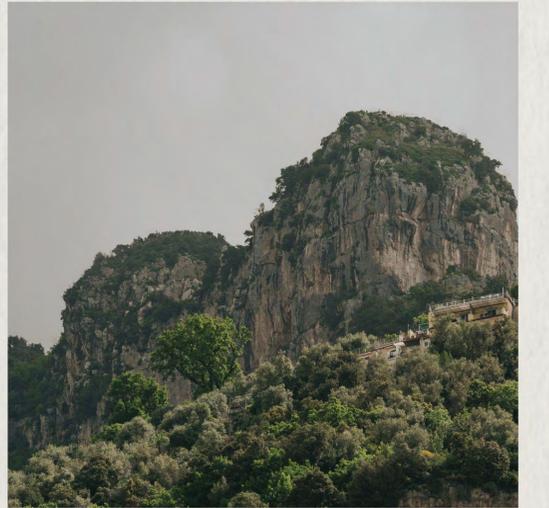
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Mark 13 records what is called Jesus' Olivet Discourse, by far the most difficult passage in the book of Mark and, along with its parallels in the other Gospels, one of the most difficult texts in the New Testament.

R. Kent Hughes



Outline of Mark 13

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Warning against *deception*

Mark 13:5-8 ^{NIV}

Jesus said to them: “**Watch out** that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. 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. 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.**”



Encouragement to *persevere*

Mark 13:9-13 ^{NIV}

“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. ¹⁰ And **the gospel must first be preached to all nations**. 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**. ¹² “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ¹³ Everyone will hate you because of me, but **the one who stands firm to the end will be saved**.”



Prediction of *tribulation*

Mark 13:14-19 ^{NIV}

“When you see ‘the abomination that causes desolation’ standing where it does not belong—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵ Let no one on the housetop go down or enter the house to take anything out. ¹⁶ Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak. ¹⁷ How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! ¹⁸ Pray that this will not take place in winter, ¹⁹ because those **will be days of distress unequaled from the beginning, when God created the world, until now—and never to be equaled again.**



Prediction of *tribulation*

Mark 13:20-23 ^{NIV}

“If the Lord had not cut short those days, no one would survive. But for the sake of the elect, whom he has chosen, he has shortened them.²¹ At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it.²² For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.²³ **So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.**



Prediction of *His return*

Mark 13:24-27 ^{NIV}

“But in those days, **following that distress**, ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; ²⁵ the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ ²⁶ **At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.** ²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.



Prediction of *His return*

Mark 13:28-32 NIV

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.



Exhortation to *watch*

Mark 13:33-37 ^{NIV}

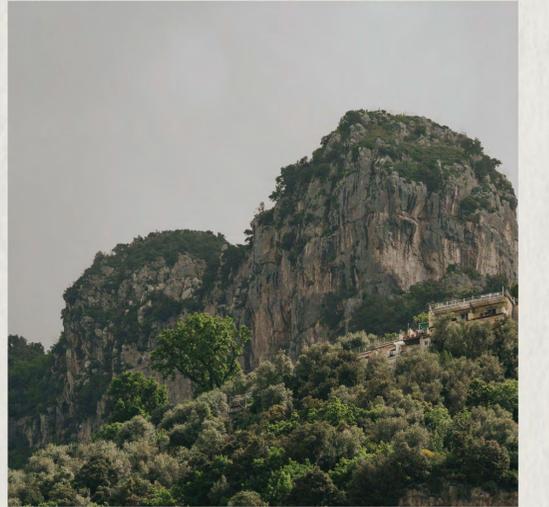
Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch. ³⁵ "Therefore **keep watch** because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, **do not let him find you sleeping.** ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: **'Watch!'** "





***Law of double reference:
Often a prophecy may have a double fulfillment,
one being in the immediate circumstances and
another in the distant future.***

Charles C. Ryrie



Double Reference

| | <i>Near</i> | <i>Far</i> |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Isaiah 7:14 | Child born in court of Ahaz | Jesus born to Mary |
| 2 Samuel 7:11-13 | Solomon | Jesus |
| Joel 2:28-30 | Acts 2:1-13 (Pentecost) | Jesus' Second Coming |



Double Reference

Mark 13:14-23

Near

Destruction of the Temple

Far

“Great Tribulation” at
the end of the age



Double Reference

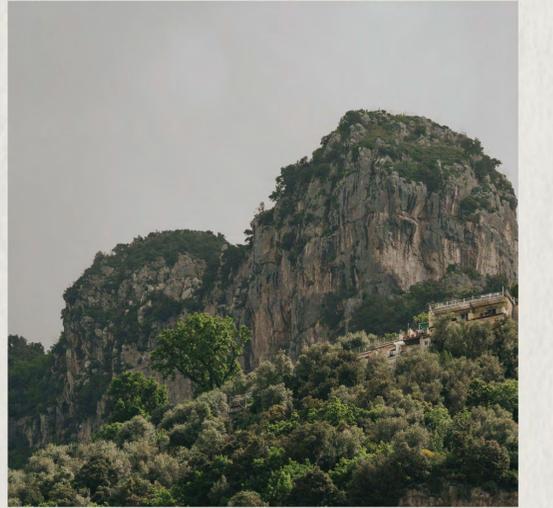
Mark 13:14 (Daniel 11:31) – “abomination that causes desolation”

- Antiochus IV Epiphanes 167 BC
- Destruction of Temple 70 AD
- The Antichrist ?? (still future)



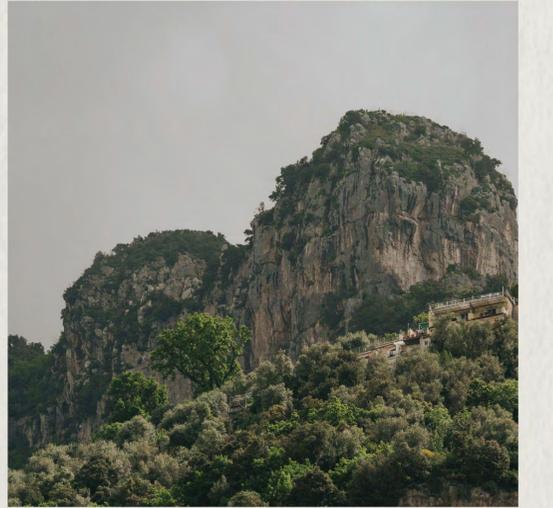


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so believers need not worry.
Instead, we should watch and be
ready for the return of Jesus.***

