

Prepare for the Son (Part 2) - Let's Go
Mark 13:24-37
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In the last days, we can be certain:

1. The Good News will be Proclaimed Across the Earth.

Matthew 24:14 – *"And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come."*

1 Corinthians 15:3 – "For I delivered to you as of first importance...that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures."

2. There will be Many False Messiahs and Prophets with Satanic Power.

Matthew 24:22-24 – *"Then if anyone tells you, 'Look, here is the Messiah,' or 'There he is,' don't believe it. For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones."*

1 Timothy 4:1 – "Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons."

3. Mocking Christ and His People will be Common.

2 Peter 3:3 – *"Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires."*

4. Rebellion and Selfishness will be Pervasive.

Matthew 24:12 – *"Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold."*

5. Wars and Disasters will be Universal.

Luke 21:10-11 – *"He told them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and there will be famines and plagues in many lands.'"*

6. The Antichrist will Appear.

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 – *"...He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God."*

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 – *"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air...we shall always be with the Lord."*

Titus 2:13 – *"Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ"*

Titus 2:12 – *"(The Gospel is) training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age."*

7. Unbelievers will Receive the Mark of the Beast.

Revelation 13:16-18 – *"He required everyone—small and great, rich and poor, free and slave—to be given a mark on the right hand or on the forehead. And no one could buy or sell anything without that mark, which was either the name of the beast or the number representing his name...his number is 666."*

8. Professing Christians will Deny Christ and Betray Others.

Matthew 24:9-10 – *"Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other."*

9. Two Dead Prophets will Rise to Proclaim Christ Before His Return.

Revelation 11:7-12 – *"And when they have finished their testimony, the beast...will...kill them...their dead bodies will lie in the street...where their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days...the nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, and...rejoice over them...But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them... they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them."*

10. There will be Terrifying Signs in Creation.

Matthew 24:29 – *"Immediately after the anguish of those days, the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken."*

11. The Lord Returns and Defeats His Enemies.

Revelation 17:14 – *"...the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful."*

12. The Unbelieving will be Righteously Judged.

Revelation 20:11-15 – *"Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books."*

- Motives
- Words
- Actions

13. Believers Receive our Rewards.

2 Corinthians 5:10 – *"We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."*

14. Full Restoration with God, His People, and Creation will Last Forever.

Revelation 21:2-4 – *"And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband...I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man...He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.'"*

Growing Deeper This Week

1. Read Mark chapter 13.
2. What is the significance of the upheaval in the heavens before the second coming? (See Joel 2:1-11)
3. What is the work we Christians are assigned to do between now and the second coming? (Matthew 25:15, 29 & 2 Timothy 2:1-2)
4. How does His promise that the "words" of God will not pass away at the end of the world (Mark 13:31) encourage you?
5. How would you respond to someone who says he or she knows the precise date when Jesus will return?
6. How prepared are you for Jesus' second coming?