



THE LAST DAYS – Pt. 2  
Mark 13 (ESV)

THE OLIVET DISCOURSE: (remember our “bi-focal” perspective from last Sunday)

**Mark 13:14 (ESV)**

14 “But when you see the abomination of desolation (see Daniel 9:27) standing where he ought not to be (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

**Luke 21:20 (ESV)**

“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near.”

**Mark 13:15-20 (ESV)**

15 Let the one who is on the housetop not go down, nor enter his house, to take anything out, 16 and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. 17 And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! 18 Pray that it may not happen in winter. 19 For in those days there will be such tribulation as has not been from the beginning of the creation that God created until now, and never will be. 20 And if the Lord had not cut short the days, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect, whom he chose, he shortened the days.

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APPROACHES TO INTERPRETING NEW TESTAMENT PROPHECY:

1. <u>PRETERISM</u> (FULL OR PARTIAL)
2. <u>SPIRITUALISM</u>
3. <u>HISTORISM</u>
4. <u>FUTURISM</u>
5. <u>DISPENSATIONALISM</u>

**THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF CHRIST'S SECOND COMING:**

**1. Christ will return UNMISTAKABLY**

**Mark 13:21-27 (ESV)**

21 And then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'Look, there he is!' do not believe it. 22 For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, if possible, the elect. 23 But be on guard; I have told you all things beforehand. 24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, 25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

**2. Christ will return UNEXPECTEDLY**

**Mark 13:32-33 (ESV)**

32 "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come.

**3. Many will be UNPREPARED**

**Matthew 24:37-42 (ESV)**

37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40 Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. 42 Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

**Luke 21:28 (ESV)**

"28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

**Acts 1:6-11 (ESV)**

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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