

Last Judgment

Mark 13:14-37

God's Word for Today

The word "Advent" means "coming." During this season, we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming to this world at Christmas. As Christians prepare their hearts to celebrate Christ's birth, we also anticipate his return in glory on the Last Day.



WARM UP

What would you do if you only had a month to live?

What was your high point for the week?

INTO THE TEXT

Read Mark 13:14-37.

Jesus' words in verses 14-23 apply more directly to the destruction of Jerusalem but also picture judgment day. Study this section by looking at each of these phrases. What does each one mean for us today?

- "When you see 'the abomination that causes desolation' standing where it does not belong."
- "Flee."
- "How dreadful it will be in those days"; "those will be days of distress."
- "But for the sake of the elect . . . he has shortened them."
- "False Christs and false prophets will appear."

Describe Jesus' second coming.

What is the main point of verses 24-37? (This is why Jesus tells about the last days.)

What stood out to you the most from Sunday's sermon? Any questions that you'd like to ask in regard to the sermon?

GOD'S WORD FOR MY DAILY LIFE

Have you ever faced persecution for your faith? What happened?

When you see the forces of evil apparently winning, do you feel like withdrawing from the battle and perching on the rooftop? Or rolling up your sleeves and getting into the fray?

What is the most exciting thing to you about the Second Coming? The most distressing?

Specifically, how can you fulfill verses 33 & 37 – “Be on guard! Be alert...Watch!”?

How can this group support and pray for you right now?

CLOSING PRAYER

My Next Step

- **Key Verse.** *“Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.” (Mark 13:34)*
- **Key Response.** When will Jesus return? Am I ready? End Times and Advent have a similar theme reminding us to keep watch and be ready for Jesus' return.