

**FAITHFUL TO THE END  
MARK 13:9-13 / APRIL 19, 2017 WED**

**I. FIRST, BE ON YOUR GUARD ABOUT PERSECUTION.**

- A. Christians are the most persecution religious group in the world.
- B. The mention of persecution struck a responsive chord among the early church--13:9.
  - 1. The early church experienced persecution--Acts 8:1-3.
  - 2. Peter and the apostles are example of persecution--13:11 and Acts 4:1-3, 13.

**II. SECOND, BE ON YOUR GUARD ABOUT PREACHING (13:10)**

- A. Who is the gospel intended for?
  - 1. Not just Jews or even Americans.
  - 2. The gospel is intended for everyone---**13:10a** “....preached to all nations” and **Matt. 24:14**.
- B. What did Jesus say would happen when the gospel was preached to all nations?--Matt 24:14b

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.....and then the end will come.

- 1. The end of what?
- 2. What did Jesus mean by the end of the Temple?
  - a. He means the end of Jewish sacrifices because the Temple will be destroyed.
  - b. He also means the end of O.T. Law because Jesus did away with it on the cross--Col. 2:13-14 and Eph. 2:14-16 and Heb. 8:13.
- C. Was the gospel preached to all nations before the Temple was destroyed?
  - 1. Paul gives indication that it was--Rom. 10:16-18 and Col 1:23.
  - 2. Paul literally helped to fulfill this prophecy--2 Tim. 4:16-17.
  - 3. “**All Nations**” literally means “**all Gentiles**”.
  - 4. Should this preaching to “**all nations**” be taken literally or figuratively?
- D. How long should we be on our guard?--**13:9a** “**You must be on your guard.....**”

