

# SERMON NOTES:

Series: Mark -The Simple Gospel | Week 45: The Return of the King

**The central theme is the need for watchfulness, faithfulness, and perseverance.**

**The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is a promise we can trust.**

**Mark 13:24-27 (NLT)**

<sup>24</sup> “At that time, after the anguish of those days,

the sun will be darkened,

the moon will give no light,

<sup>25</sup> the stars will fall from the sky,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

<sup>26</sup> Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And he will send out his angels to gather his chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.

*“For Mark, the events of 13:14-23 and 24-27 are intimately associated, and it is unlikely that he saw a great gap of time between them. They are intimately associated in that they are part of the same great divine act of history. This includes Jesus’ coming, ministry, death, and resurrection which bring the kingdom of God; the divine judgement of Jerusalem in AD 70; and the Parousia of the Son of Man, which brings history to its conclusion and goal.” (Stein, Mark: Exegetical Commentary on the NT, pg. 590)*

**The Bible helps interpret the Bible.**

**Sample References on ‘the coming of the Lord’ in the NT:**

**1 Corinthians 11:26 (NLT)**

<sup>26</sup> For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord’s death until he comes again.

**1 Corinthians 15:23 (NLT)**

<sup>23</sup> But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.

**1 Thessalonians 2:19 (NLT)**

<sup>19</sup> After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when he returns? It is you!

**1 Thessalonians 3:13 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen.

**1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 (NLT)**

<sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died.

<sup>15</sup> We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. <sup>17</sup> Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NLT)**

<sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

### **2 Thessalonians 1:7 (NLT)**

<sup>7</sup> And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven. He will come with his mighty angels,

### **James 5:7-8 (NLT)**

<sup>7</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. <sup>8</sup> You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.

### **2 Peter 1:16 (NLT)**

<sup>16</sup> For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes.

### **1 John 2:28 (NLT)**

<sup>28</sup> And now, dear children, remain in fellowship with Christ so that when he returns, you will be full of courage and not shrink back from him in shame.

### **Mark 13:28-37 (NLT)**

<sup>28</sup> "Now learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branches bud and its leaves begin to sprout, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that his return is very near, right at the door. <sup>30</sup> I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene before all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear. <sup>32</sup> "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. <sup>33</sup> And since you don't know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert! <sup>34</sup> "The coming of the Son of Man can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. When he left home, he gave each of his slaves instructions about the work they were to do, and he told the gatekeeper to watch for his return. <sup>35</sup> You, too, must keep watch! For you don't know when the master of the household will return—in the evening, at midnight, before dawn, or at daybreak. <sup>36</sup> Don't let him find you sleeping when he arrives without warning. <sup>37</sup> I say to you what I say to everyone: Watch for him!"

**We should understand the return of Christ as being imminent.**

**Sleep is a metaphor for spiritual dullness.**

**Being 'ready' is about letting our spiritual lights shine by bearing the fruit of the Spirit.** (Matt. 5:6; Gal. 5:22)

**1 Thessalonians 4:18 (NLT)**

<sup>18</sup>So encourage each other with these words.