

Things Past, Present and to Come - Part 1
Living in this Present Age
Mark 13:1-13

Key Understanding:

*Followers of Jesus are not to be consumed with the “_____”
of His return but rather focus on _____
in light of His return.*

What we need to know

1. Jesus' words are _____ & _____. v.1,2
“And he said to me, “These words are faithful and true”; and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.”
Revelation 22:6

2. Fixating on _____ of things to come can be
_____. v. 3
“Then Jesus said to him, ‘Unless you people see signs and wonders, you simply will not believe.’”
John 4:48

3. Spiritual deception will abound _____ and
_____ the church. vs. 5,6
“See to it that there is no one who takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception in accordance with human tradition, in accordance with the elementary principles of the world, rather than in accordance with Christ.”
Colossians 2:8

4. Wars, conflicts and natural and environmental disasters
are _____ of life. vs. 7,8
“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though something strange were happening to you”

5. Persecution isn't an _____ of the Christian
life, but a _____ of it. v.8

*“we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing;
⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed;
¹⁰always carrying around in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may
also be revealed in our body.”*
2 Corinthians 4:8-10

6. Salvation is not _____ but proven through
_____. vs. 10-13

“So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling”
Philippians 2:12