

Mark 11-16: Passion and Victory

“Advance Warnings”

Mark 13:1-23

With only private instruction of the disciples remaining, Jesus seizes on a question about the destruction of the Temple to prepare His followers in every generation to be alert, but not panicked, about end times. His purpose here is not to give details about the future but to provide assurance of His return and to promote faithfulness in the present.

1. Four Great Spiritual Dangers

- **Reliance on External Trappings of Religion (vv.1-4)**
- **Acceptance of False Teachers (vv.5, 6)**
- **Distraction by World Turmoil (vv.7, 8)**
- **Fearfulness about Persecution (vv.9-13)**

2. Imminent and Distant Troubles

- **Spiritual Indications (vv.14-18)**
- **Sovereign Determinations (vv.19, 20)**
- **Scriptural Evaluations (vv.21, 22)**
- **Sufficient Preparations (v.23)**