

# Stay Awake

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## What the Signs WOULD NOT Be

(Mark 13:5-13)

- Don't be misled by current events
- Opposition and persecution are normal

## What the Signs WOULD Be

(Mark 13:14-23)

- The Abomination of Desolation is the key event in both the short-term and long-term fulfillment
- Forewarned is forearmed

## The Coming of the Son of Man

(Mark 13:24-27)

- The complete fulfillment of all God's promises throughout the centuries

## Final Exhortations

(Mark 13:28-37)

- Although all else will fade and fail, Jesus' words will endure for eternity
- Therefore, be on guard, keep awake

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# For Life Group Discussion

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1. Read Mark 13. What stands out? How did Sunday's message help clarify things for you? What questions do you still have, or what continues to cause confusion?
2. Had you heard of the principle of dual fulfillment before? How can this interpretive tool better help us understand prophetic passages like Mark 13? Look at 2 Sam 7:11-13, Luke 1:32-33, Mat 16:18, Rev 21:2, and Matt 12:42 for a helpful example.
3. Why do you think we are so prone to interpret current events or the rejection of Christian values as a sign of the end times? How do Jesus words in Mark 13:5-13 help us keep them in context?
4. What are the signs that the return of Christ is near, according to Mark 13:14-23? How have you heard these interpreted? What other passages can we look to for help?
5. Compare Mark 13:24-27 with Isa 13:10,; 24:23; 34:4; Eze 32:7-8; Joel 2:10, 30-31; 3:15; Amos 8:9; Dan 7:13; Deut 30:4; and Zech 2:6. What should we conclude from the continuity we see in these passages?
6. Based on everything you heard in Sunday's message, what practical difference will the imminent return of Christ make in your life today? Be specific.