

Series: Mark (Jesus - the Son of God)
Sermon: Jesus Predicts the End (Mark 13)
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Pre-Sermon Warning: Anytime we talk about the end-times we gotta know that _____ about the when, the how, rapture vs no rapture, and all the details. But, we all agree that _____.

Too many Christians get caught up in “**RAPTURE ROULETTE**” – an _____ on one disputable thing that might happen, worrying about _____ and dramatic stories instead of simply looking forward to Christ’s return and following him with daily disciplines.

Big Idea: Jesus is going to return but I don’t need to go crazy.
“**Be _____, not _____.**”

Most of what Jesus is talking about in Mark 13 (and Matthew 24) is _____ destruction of the _____ which came to pass in 70 AD when the Romans destroyed it (*and has not been rebuilt for 2,000 years!*)

Jesus lists a lot of signs of the Temple destruction but gives the goal, and it’s not “figuring out the time”, it’s _____ to the end. The same idea applies for his return.

The abomination that causes desolation is not mainly a modern event. First, Antiochus Epiphanes defiled the Temple in 167 BC by sacrificing _____ there. Then in AD 70, Roman soldiers profaned the Temple with their standards (_____), their sacrifices, and their pagan power under Titus (who later became emperor and was declared divine after his death) and also destroying the Temple.

Jesus warns people to be on guard. Even false messiahs and false prophets _____ and wonders to deceive people.

Jesus says he will be “coming on the clouds”, which is a reference to Daniel 7 and other “cloud” references in the Old Testament which usually refer to God’s _____. This is not a physical return of Jesus at that time, it is Jesus coming with God’s power to destroy the Temple in judgment as he prophesied multiple times.

In verse 32 Jesus starts talking about a future “_____+” that nobody knows! This is _____!

In Mark 13, verses 1-31 are mainly about _____, then verses 32-37 are mainly about Jesus’ _____ in the future. Getting these mixed up will create some weird interpretations of the end-times.

Jesus main instructions about his return: Be on _____! Be _____! We _____ know the time.

Practical Application

I should “be on guard” according to Jesus: He means I should _____ (Jesus is returning, some signs, I can’t know when); but I shouldn’t get caught up in ridiculous details.

I should “be alert” or be **awake** according to Jesus: He means I should be watching for his return by doing the _____ he has given me to do and not “falling asleep” _____ thinking the day won’t ever come.

It’s okay to think about Jesus’ return a lot. I should! Too often I’m trying to get stuff NOW that I’ll actually get when Jesus returns. So I must put my hope _____!

The best way to prepare for the return of Jesus is _____. Regular spiritual practices like **(1)** weekly church **(2)** weekly growth group **(3)** daily Bible reading **(4)** written prayer journal **(5)** tithing **(6)** reading Christian non-fiction (www.revo.church/books) **(7)** scripture memorization and **(8)** monthly day of fasting.