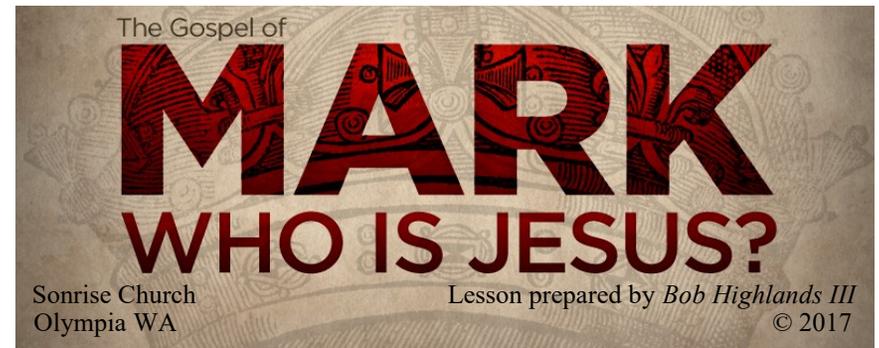


**COMMENTARY:** Even if you do not understand all this section you can know for sure that it is about an event that has already occurred because of the two key TIME STAMPS in verses 10 and 30. AGAIN if you want to understand this more clearly the book LAST to LEAVE will help you. Currently it is available for free in PDF format at [BobHighlands.faith.REHIII](http://BobHighlands.faith.REHIII)

### FINAL QUESTION TO ANSWER ON MARK 13.1-37

- ❑ What is this entire prophecy about?



Jesus clearly predicted the *DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM* almost four decades before it happened. The prophecy is well know AND OFTEN TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT. This brief study will not be able to cover all the nuances of the prophecy. For a detailed look at the prophecy the book 'Last to Leave' which I wrote in 2015 covers this and other end time scriptures in great detail. I will add additional notes beyond those include in the other studies in this series on the book of Mark. The key here is laying aside the preconceived ideas about what this chapter is about and discover what it does and does not say. Now, let's join Jesus as he teaches his disciples.<sup>REHIII</sup>

**COMMENTARY:** This section of scripture or teaching is found in three of the four gospels. It is different in each one. Matthew 24 is the longest of the three and opens with three questions. In Matthew 24.3 Luke 21 & Mark 13 both focus on one key question, and a follow question for clarity. These are asked in Mark 13.4 and repeated in Luke 21.7. Some Bibles have headers over various sections in Mark that are incorrect. Remember that the headers or section titles have been added by the editors and printers of the Bibles and are not in the original. These headers are *THEIR OPINIONS*, nothing more. <sup>REHIII</sup>

**READ VERSE 30** This is a **TIME STAMP** or limitation put on this prophecy by Jesus. He wanted them and us to know for sure when this would happen so no one would be confused. The problem is most people do not pay attention to the whole statement or teaching and only look at the verses that support what they want to believe.

Vs. 30 What was the time limit for this prophecy to take place?

What was the latest date this event could happen? Explain your answer?

Vs. 32 Even though Jesus know this will happen who is the only one who know when this will exactly happen?

**Read verse 33-37(TITLE)** \_\_\_\_\_

Vs. 33 What is each believer in Jerusalem and the surrounding area warned to do? WHY?

Vss. 34-36 What will happen if they are not ready and the Roman army come and surrounds Jerusalem?

Vs. 37 Why does Jesus repeat this warning AGAIN?

### Read verse 28-32(TITLE) \_\_\_\_\_

- ❑ Vs. 28-29 Why would Jesus use the illustration of a fig tree about to put forward its first leaves as a lesson to them about the coming destruction of the temple in Jerusalem?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ Vs. 29 What things is Jesus referring to here?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ Vs. 30 This is the key TIME STAMP of this prophecy. What is the outer limit of **everything** Jesus has warned them about happening?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ Vs. 31 How sure is Jesus that this will happen?

**COMMENTARY Vs. 32:** This is why Jesus said they could pray that it did not happen in the winter time when the weather would make fleeing Jerusalem more difficult.

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### Read verse 1-4 (TITLE) \_\_\_\_\_

- ❑ Vs. 1 What did the disciples want Jesus to look at?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ Vs. 2 What does Jesus say is going to happen to the temple and surrounding buildings?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ Vs. 3 Who is present at this gathering and what is happening? (Make sure you get all five who are present.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ Vs. 4 What do the disciples want to know from Jesus? (This is important. What EXACTLY do they ask Jesus to tell them about here.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ❑ How is this different from the questions that are recorded in Matthew 24.3?

- ❑ Making sure you understand Mark 13.4 only asked about one event. What is that event?

**COMMENTARY:** Before going any further you need to remember that everything you are about to read about was to happen (according to Jesus) before the disciples standing with him died. The latest it could happen was when the last person alive when Jesus was alive died. NOTE: The temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D.. By the Roman General Titus. This was within the time limit set by Jesus in Mark 13.30. This study will not cover all the details of each portion of this prophecy. These details are covered in my book, Last to Leave. There is not enough room here to even begin to cover it all. <sup>REHIII</sup>

**Read verse 5-8 (TITLE)** \_\_\_\_\_

- ❑ Vs. 5 Why is Jesus going to tell them this in advance?
  
- ❑ Vss. 6-8 What are the first or early events that the disciples are to watch for to know Jesus' prophecies for the destruction of the temple are true?

**COMMENTARY:** WARNING most Bibles have a header here saying this section is about something else, usually the return of Jesus. There is no break here. Jesus' TIME STAMP is still to come in verse 30 so this is all still about the Temple being destroyed (in 70 A. D.). <sup>REHIII</sup>

**Read verse 24-27(TITLE)** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTARY:** This is prophetic language Jesus uses in verses 24-27. I will give a brief explanation for each part but have covered in in detail in my book, LAST TO LEAVE. <sup>REHIII</sup>

- ❑ Vs. 24-25 **COMMENTARY:** This deals with the leadership of the country and the leaders of the temple losing their position of power and authority. How drastic will their fall from power be?
  
- ❑ Vs. 26-27 **COMMENTARY:** This deals with the continued growth of the Christian faith and the spreading of the Gospel throughout the world. The word *angels* means messengers and represents the believers of Christ as they share about Him. How much effort will Jesus put into reaching the lost with the message of His death and resurrection?



❑ Romans 1.8 (written about 56 A. D.)

❑ Colossians 1.5-6 (Written between 60 – 62 A.D.)

❑ Colossians 1.23 (Written between 60 – 62 A.D.)

❑ Vs. 11 What help is going to be given to the disciples in this difficult time?

❑ Vs. 12 How will following Christ effect their personal lives?

❑ Vs. 13 How bad will it be for the believer?

❑ Why should they or anyone endure such treatment?

**Read verse 14-23(TITLE)** \_\_\_\_\_

❑ Vs. 14 What does Jesus warn them to be watching for?

❑ This is explained in Parallel section in Luke 21.20. What does Luke say this is they are supposed to be watching for?

❑ Vss. 15-16 When this happens how quickly should they flee to get out of the city of Jerusalem?

❑ Vs. 17 Why would it be so hard for a pregnant woman or a woman with a very young child to flee when the city is surrounded by the Roman army?