

# marked

Marked by Faithfulness  
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*Mark 13:1-37*

What's the deal with Mark 13? Faithfulness

There is an epic "end time" when Jesus will return and gather his people - *Mark 13:24-27*

We cannot know when Jesus will return, so we must remain faithful in every moment - *Mark 13:32-37*

- Peter, James, John, and Andrew ask the wrong question - *Mark 13:1-4*
- Jesus responds by describing faithfulness in the new "normal" (not signs marking the arrival of the "end time") - *Mark 13:5-13*

❑ NEXT STEP: This week I will speak faithful words when I am tempted to despair.

- Jesus responds by describing faithfulness amid specific things that will take place in the future (may or may not mark the arrival of the "end time") - *Mark 13:14-23*
- Jesus responds with assurances that the things he has described will surely take place - *Mark 13:28-31*

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## NEXT STEPS:

- ❑ This week I will survey my faithfulness. (Hint: check your calendar, relationships, and wallet)
- ❑ Please contact me about ways to serve Jesus at The Bridge.



**Lesson Aim:** To live a life marked by Jesus.

**Prayer:** Open in prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to show how to be watchful and ready for Jesus to return.

**Icebreaker:** If you could take two things to Heaven with you, what would they be?

1. **Read Mark 13:1-30.** What is the most exciting thing to you about the Second Coming? What is the most distressing?
2. How does the “fig tree” lesson (v. 28-29) answer the disciples’ questions from verse 4?

3. **Read Mark 13:30-31.** What promises does Jesus give in these verses? How would this comfort (or discomfort) the disciples? What impact do these promises have on you?
4. Why do you think that the Father has kept the time secret? What is the responsibility of believers in the meantime?
5. **Read Mark 13:37.** How are we to be watchful? What does that mean?

Weekly Memory Verse:

*Psalm 119:105, Your Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*