

One Earth-Shattering Moment (Mark 13:1-27)

Introduction

- What is the attitude of most Christians to Christ's return?
- Why is it important that we have a focus on the second coming?
- Where has Jesus been at the end of Mark 12?
- In v1-2, Jesus foretells the destruction of the Jerusalem temple. How was this fulfilled?
- What is unusual about Jesus' response to the disciples' question about when all this will happen?
- How does Matthew 24:3 help us to understand why Jesus gives this sort of answer?
- How are we going to understand Jesus' words?

i Everyday life in the here and now

- What do v5-8 teach about the appearance of false Messiahs, about wars, and about earthquakes and famines?
- What is the first hardship Jesus warns us about in v5-6 and v21-23?
- Have any false Messiahs appeared?
- How can you avoid being deceived?
- What is the second hardship Jesus warns us about in v7-8?
- How should we view disasters?
- How does Romans 8:20-21 help us to see that there will be disasters all the way through to the end?
- What is the third hardship Jesus warns us about in v9-13?

- Who will carry out this persecution?
- What three encouragements does Jesus give us in the face of the persecution we are likely to face?
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 - ii)
 - iii)
- What do we have in v14-20?
- What should we expect from life in the here and now, then?

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- What is the first thing Jesus teaches about His return in v24-25?
- Which other passage teaches the same sort of thing?
- What is the second thing Jesus teaches about His return in v26?
- How will Jesus come back?
- What should this do to us as Christians?
- What is the third thing Jesus teaches about His return in v27?
- What will happen with God's people when Jesus returns?
- Which other passage teaches the same thing?
- Where will be all gather?
- Are you ready for Christ's return?
- If you are not a Christian, what do you need to do?
- If you are a Christian, how much is Christ's return in your consciousness?