



SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 | PASTOR JONATHAN BARBER

MESSAGE TITLE: WATCH! TROUBLING TIMES ARE COMING

MESSAGE SERIES/OCCASION: GOSPEL OF MARK SERIES

MESSAGE TEXT: MARK 13

INTRODUCTION:

Troubling times are difficult no matter how you look at it, but how much better it is to be prepared. Jesus not only warned His disciples that troubling times were coming, He prepared them for what was coming.

Jesus said in verse 23, ²³But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

Mark 13 ³³Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. ³⁴*For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.* ³⁵Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: ³⁶Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. ³⁷And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

Proposition: We are living in the *Last Days*. In order to be effective in these days of opportunity, we must take heed, be courageous in troubled times, and watch!

We are going to simply introduce the passage this week:

Small Group’s Discussion Guide

Text: Mark 12:28-34

1. What does a good knowledge of Eschatology do you as a Christian?

2. What are some objects of stability and security (like the temple for the Jews) that if they were to crumble could be devastating to Christians today?

3. What was the “silver lining” in regards to the temple being destroyed? What is the “silver lining” in regards to some of our “temples” being destroyed today?

4. How can a believer today prepare for troubling times ahead?

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5. What does persecution tell you about yourself? What conclusions should be drawn when one faces persecution?

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6. Are Christians today living like we are in the last days? Why or why not?

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7. Why do some Christians never experience persecution?

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8. What is watchfulness? What does it look like today? And what keeps us from it?

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9. How might a lifestyle of watchfulness impact your daily decisions?

Prayer Requests, Praises, and Special Needs:

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