

Not One Stone

Mark 13

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Jesus said about the Temple, "The time is coming when not one stone will be left in place. Every one of them will be thrown down."

His disciples asked, "When will this happen?"

Jesus replied, "Don't be afraid when you hear about wars and earthquakes and famines. Those things have to happen first, but the end won't come right away. The good news of the Kingdom must first be announced to all the nations. So when you are arrested and persecuted, simply say what the Holy Spirit gives you to say. Remain faithful to me, and you will be saved.

"When you see 'the desolating abomination' being set up in the Temple, get out of Jerusalem. Run for your lives. The world as you know it is coming to an end. If you insist on staying, you will almost certainly die. Don't be fooled by those who will come and claim to be me.

"When this dreadful time has ended, all will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds with power and glory'. His messengers will gather together all who believe in him, both Jews and Gentiles.

"When the fig tree starts to produce leaves, you can see for yourself that summer is almost here. In the same way, when you see these things happening, you'll know that the end is almost here. No one knows when; not the angels; not the Son; only the Father knows.

"These things will happen soon, before this generation passes away. So be on your guard like a servant who doesn't know when the master will come home. Stay alert and watch."