

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on The Gospel of Mark. Today's topic: THE LAST DAYS OF JESUS BEFORE HIS CRUCIFIXION.

1. A beautiful example of personal sacrifice

- a) Mark 12:41-44 Notice—Jesus does not criticize those who gave much, but He gives special attention to the small gift of a poor widow. Why?
- b) How does this act of personal sacrifice relate to events about to occur in the life of Jesus? John 10:11
- c) What lesson can we learn from this story for our own lives as followers of Jesus? Mark 8:34-36, etc.

2. A dual-application prophecy given by Jesus

- a) Mark 13:1 What reasons did the disciples have to admire the Temple in Jerusalem?
- b) What startling prophecy did Jesus make concerning this magnificent edifice? Mark 13:2
- c) When was this prophecy of Jesus fulfilled?
- d) There are many ancient edifices that have survived for thousands of years. Why was this beautiful Temple in Jerusalem torn down, just as Jesus prophesied 40 years earlier?
- e) What additional revelation did Jesus provide to His disciples concerning both the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world? Mark 13:3-18
- f) What clue did Jesus give the disciples regarding the identity of the Abomination of Desolation? (See Daniel 9:26-27, 11:31, 12:11)

- g) Mark 13:19-23 When does this time of great tribulation occur? (See Daniel 12:1-3)
- h) Why is it important to study this prophecy of Jesus and other prophecies recorded in the Scriptures? John 16:4 2 Peter 1:19-21 etc.

3. The coming of Jesus with great power and glory

- a) Mark 13:24-26 What is the significance of the title Son of Man that Jesus uses when referring to Himself? (See also Daniel 7:13-14, Mark 8:38)
- b) What else occurs when Jesus returns with great power and glory? Mark 13:27
- c) What revelation did Jesus give to the apostle Paul regarding His coming with great power and glory? 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 (notice the opening phrase)
- d) What counsel did Jesus provide that will help us to prepare for His return with great power and glory? Mark 13:28-37
- e) What are you most looking forward to when Jesus returns to this earth with great power and glory?
- f) What counsel would you give to a friend who is fearful about the return of Jesus?
- g) What is the best preparation we can make for the return of Jesus?

