

HE IS COMING, PART 1
BE READY
Mark 13:24-37

Jesus is coming again, so be ready for his appearing.

Consider the SETTING (13:1-4)

Jesus reveals that the temple will be obsolete. (1a)
Jesus reveals that the temple will be obliterated. (1b-3)
Jesus reveals that the temple will be an omen. (3-4)

Consider the STRUCTURE (13:5-23)

Jesus gives a description of the growing birth pains. (5-13)
Jesus gives a description of the sharp pain—the fall of Jerusalem. (14-18)
Jesus gives a description of the intervening period of great distress. (19-23)

Consider the SON (13:24-27)

Jesus says there will be cosmic darkness, shaking, and mourning when he comes. (24-25)
Jesus says there will be cosmic glory, power, and reunification when he comes. (26-27)

Consider the STORIES (13:28-37)

Jesus gives the illustration of the budding fig tree. (28-31)
Jesus gives the illustration of the alert servants. (32-37)

Consider the SIGNIFICANCE

- The doctrine of the Second Coming is not given as a prophetic jigsaw puzzle to be solved, but as a motivation for practical obedience, personal holiness, and godly living.
- The doctrine of the Second Coming resolves the great tension—if there is no Judgment Day, what hope is there for the world, but if there is a Judgment Day, what hope is there for me?
- The doctrine of the Second Coming is a source of great hope and comfort for believers because it portrays the heart of the gospel—the judge who will judge us has already received our judgment.