

The Gospel of the King

Signs of the End, Part 1

Mark 13:1-8

The **destruction of the Temple** prophesied: 13:1-3

The season of the Temple and its worship is _____. Like the withered fig tree in Mark 11, it has been _____ and is no longer useful.

And now, as a sign of God's utter _____ of this dead religion, He will allow the Romans to _____ it.

But we have suffered no _____, for our new Temple is _____. (See: John 2:18-22, 4:21-23)

The disciples assumed that the destruction of the Temple would surely mark _____.

That's why they asked:

Matthew 24:3	Mark 13:4	Luke 21:7
"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"	"Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?"	"Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?"

Jesus' **response**: "See that no one leads you astray ..."

Our most consistent, enduring challenge as followers of Christ is _____.

... _____ deception (2nd Corinthians 11:13-15; 2 Peter 2:1-22)

... _____ deception (Matthew 24:6)

... _____ deception (Jeremiah 17:9; Hebrews 3:12; Obadiah 1:3; Proverbs 16:18)

... _____ deception (1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 3:13)

... _____ deception (1 Corinthians 15:33)

... _____ deception (Romans 7:11; Titus 3:3; Hebrews 3:13)

Who is at **risk**? EVERYONE!

"... *false christs and false prophets will arise and perform signs and wonders, to lead astray, **if possible, the elect.***"

So **what do we do?**

"... **be on guard**; I have told you all things beforehand."

3 ways to guard against deception as you face evil days:

1. Know _____. (Mark 12:24, Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:17; Hebrews 4:12)
2. Sit under _____. (Nehemiah 8:8; 2 Timothy 2:1-3; Hebrews 5:12)
3. _____ for _____ and _____. (Ephesians 5:6-10)

"Take care lest your heart be deceived" (Deuteronomy 11:16)