

# *Don't Be Alarmed*

Gospel of Mark Series – Part 39

Scripture text – Mark 13

## Introduction

- This chapter is known as the *Olivet Discourse*, the longest block of Jesus' teaching in Mark's Gospel.
- Jesus' teaching presupposes that history is \_\_\_\_\_. This means history had a beginning and is moving toward an \_\_\_\_\_.

## Background

- The temple complex was an architectural marvel. The entire complex was the equivalent of \_\_\_\_\_ football fields and the outer walls were \_\_\_\_\_ stories high.
- The stones were white and most were \_\_\_\_\_ feet long and \_\_\_\_\_ feet wide. The largest stone weighed over a \_\_\_\_\_ pounds.
- To their credit, the disciples didn't scoff at Jesus' prophecy. Instead, they asked \_\_\_\_\_?
- From their perspective, the destruction of the temple had to mean the \_\_\_\_\_ of the age. They had no concept that these two events might be separated by \_\_\_\_\_ of years.
- In the first part of his discourse, Jesus issues a series of \_\_\_\_\_.
- These warnings are applicable to Christians of \_\_\_\_\_ age, and increasingly so, as the world moves closer to Christ's return.

## Warning #1

- **A warning about \_\_\_\_\_ who feed false hopes.**
- Within the modern Protestant church, there is the phenomenon of the \_\_\_\_\_ pastor. The modern church is also littered with \_\_\_\_\_ prophets who claim to offer new revelation from God.
- Two false hopes:
  1. God hasn't ordained his people to \_\_\_\_\_; and
  2. The church will \_\_\_\_\_ if it goes along with the culture on moral issues.

### Warning #2

- **A warning about \_\_\_\_\_ that feed false fears.**
- We are not to be \_\_\_\_\_ by events. They are all under God's sovereign \_\_\_\_\_.
- Through the pandemic, God has been \_\_\_\_\_ us.

### Warning #3

- **A warning about \_\_\_\_\_ that feed a breakdown of resolve.**
- Within every generation, there are Christians who are called upon to undergo severe \_\_\_\_\_.
- This is because, in some mysterious way, the suffering of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the advance of the \_\_\_\_\_ is bound together.
- Like a baton passed in a relay race, persecution is always passed to the succeeding \_\_\_\_\_.

### Conclusion

- Those who stand \_\_\_\_\_ to the end will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- This would seem to leave us with little \_\_\_\_\_. However, Jesus' sermon isn't \_\_\_\_\_.