

The Coming of the Son of Man

Mark 13: 24–27

(Mt. 24:29-31; Lk. 21:25-28)

1. The setting:

After the distress or tribulation

2. Event 1:

There will be astronomical happenings

3. Event 2:

*There will be the return
of the Son of Man in the clouds*

4. Event 3:

There will be the gathering of the elect

24 “But in those days, following that distress,
‘the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;

25 The stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

26 At that time men will see
the Son of Man coming in clouds
with great power and glory.

27 And he will send his angels
and gather his elect from the four winds,
from the ends of the earth
to the ends of the heavens.”

The End Time and Its Warning to Believers

Mark 13: 28–37

(Mt. 24:32-51; Lk. 21:29-36)

**1. The signs point to the end
and are discernable**

a. *Even as a fig tree*

b. *Even as a cause has its effect*

c. *Even to the point of being immediate
- near, right at hand, 32*

2. The events occur rapidly

- in one generation

3. The events are a surety

- irrevocable

4. The exact time is unknown

- neither the day or hour is known

28 “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree:
As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out,
you know that summer is near.

29 Even so, when you see these things happening,
you know that it is near,
right at the door.

30 I tell you the truth,
this generation will certainly not pass away
until all these things have happened.

31 Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will never pass away.

32 “No one knows about that day or hour,
not even the angels in heaven,
nor the Son,
but only the Father.

5. The need is to be on guard – stay alert

- a. *Because the time is unknown*
- b. *Because believers must focus upon their assigned responsibilities and work*
- c. *Because Christ is returning unexpectedly - suddenly*

- d. *Because a believer can be caught sleeping*

6. The warning is to all – watch

33 Be on guard! Be alert!

You do not know when that time will come.

34 It's like a man going away:

He leaves his house
and puts his servants in charge,
each with his assigned task,
and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

35 Therefore keep watch

because you do not know
when the owner of the house will come back
- whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.

36 If he comes suddenly,

do not let him find you sleeping.

37 What I say to you,

I say to everyone: 'Watch!'"