

The World Is Shaking, His Words Are Not
On the Way: A Journey Through the Gospel of Mark
Gospel of Mark
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Mark 13:1-37

The world is shaking; everything we build will eventually crumble, but Jesus' words will stand forever. He teaches us how to live in a falling world: watch, endure, and trust him.

1. The Temple That Fell (vv. 1-2)
2. The Fig Tree Lesson (vv. 28-31)
3. The Unknown Day (vv. 32-37)
4. The Call to Watch
5. The Temples We Build
6. The Cross as the Ultimate Darkness

Questions (For personal reflection and small group discussion)

1. What's something in your life that looks solid from the outside, but you know it isn't as secure as it appears?
2. (Read Mark 11:12-25 and Mark 13:1-2 together.) In Mark 11, Jesus cursed a fig tree that had leaves but no fruit, then cleared the temple. In Mark 13, he said the temple itself would be destroyed. Why do you think Mark links these two events so tightly? What does the fig tree teach us about the temple, and about us?
3. Where are you tempted to build your identity on something that will eventually fall? What would it look like to work for Jesus rather than for a temple that won't last?
4. Jesus said the temple would fall and warned of wars and earthquakes, but then he said: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." The gospel says He took the judgment you deserved. How does knowing that change how you face your fears, especially the things that keep you up at night?
5. The forty soldiers stayed on the ice because they were captivated by a better King. The guard saw a community. Who are the people in your life who help you "stay on the ice" when you want to compromise? Why is it important that we watch together, not alone?
6. This week, when anxiety rises, pause and say: "This empire won't last forever. But

Jesus' words will." Text a friend in your community group: "How can I pray for you today?" Watch together, because the gospel creates a people who do not watch alone.

Personal Notes
