

**Watch!**  
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I. Introduction. Text: Mark 13.

II. The disciples sought Jesus about the time of the Temple's destruction and the sign of His coming.

A. They were likely upset at Jesus' actions in the temple earlier, so they are trying to coax Jesus into saying something positive about the Temple.

B. Jesus' words disturb the disciples because He says that no stone will be left upon another.

III. Every century has thought that Jesus was returning in their time because of the signs. If one focuses on when he will be deceived.

IV. Jesus' response. (Matthew 24-25, Luke 21)

A. Jesus emphasizes that one must take heed so that he will not be led astray.

B. The non-signs.

1. The coming of various false christs, which includes anyone who claims to speak in the name of Jesus but teaches something that He did not teach.

2. Wars and rumors of wars only point to the beginning of the end. These signs will occur through the whole sweep of the age, but they are not signs that the Lord is about to come.

C. The signs.

D. The time.

**Application questions:**

1. Why is it important not to make guesses about the time of Jesus return?

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2. What should the believer watch for during the whole course of the age according to this passage?

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3. How would you respond to someone who claims to know the date Jesus will come again? Explain.

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