

# Sermon Outline

## THE END OF THE WORLD | Geoff Lin

Bible Reading: Mark 13:1-27, 28-37 (p.1447)

Meet Jesus		
1/2	Enter the King	Mk 11:1-11
8/2	A King to shake up the status quo	Mk 11:12-25
15/2	Challenge #1: from the religious elite	Mk 11:27-12:12
22/2	Challenge #2: from secular society	Mk 12:13-17
1/3	Challenge #3: from human experience	Mk 12:18-27
8/3	Challenge #4: from "religion"	Mk 12:28-34
15/3	Challenge #5: from Jesus	Mk 12:35-44
22/3	The End of the World	Mk 13:1-37
29/3	The Last Supper	Mk 14:1-26
3/4	Good Friday: "Surely this man was the Son of God"!	Mk 14:27-15:47
5/4	Easter Sunday: "He has risen! He is not here!"	Mk 16:1-8

### 1. Jesus says that the Temple WILL be destroyed (vv1-4)

### 2. Are we witnessing "The End Of The World"? (vv5-27)

#### i. Jesus anticipates chaos on a global scale (vv5-8)

- watch out (v5) = be on your guard (v9) = be on your guard (v23) = be on guard (v33)

#### ii. Jesus tells His disciples that THEY will be persecuted (vv9-13)

Mk 3:33 "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. 34 Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Q. WHY would the disciples sign up for such persecution?

Mk 1:16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." 18 At once they left their nets and followed him.

- Jesus is NOT saying "don't be prepared"; Jesus IS saying "don't be too worried"

### iii. Expect catastrophic devastation in Judea ... and everywhere (vv14-27)

Dan 9:27 ... And at the temple he [the Anointed One] will set up **an abomination that causes desolation**, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."

Dan 11:31 His armed forces [ie the King of the North] will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up **the abomination that causes desolation**.

Dan 12:11 From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and **the abomination that causes desolation** is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

Q. Is Jesus predicting the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in AD70

Dan 7:13 In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was **one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven**. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Deep Dive (730-9pm, Thursday 26 March)

### 3. So what should they do? And what should WE do? (vv28-37)

#### i. It will be obvious (vv28-31)

- "this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened"

#### ii. But it will also be sudden and unexpected (v32)

"If even JESUS doesn't know when, ..."

#### iii. Be on guard! Be Alert! Keep watch! (vv33-37)

- keep watch (v34) = "keep watch" (v35) = "watch!" (v37)

**For discussion:** how do we stand guard for long periods of time? How do we avoid becoming blasé and forgetful?