

Jesus and the Temple of Doom

Mark 13.1-23

In this section of Mark, Jesus predicts the complete destruction of the Temple and the end of the Jewish national way of life up to that point. Jesus' main concern is to warn his followers of the signs that will immediately herald the end and prepare them in moving forward as his witnesses, carrying on his message. As Christ's followers 2000 years later, even today we can find help and hope in his words.

Advice for moving forward when your temple (or precious things in life) gets messed up:

1. **Don't get duped into believing something that isn't true.**

"Watch out that no one deceives you." 13.5

He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.

Isaiah 33.6

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15.5

2. **Don't live in fear.**

When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. 13.7

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?...But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6.25, 33

3. **Always be ready to be a witness for Jesus.**

"You must be on your guard. You will.... stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them." 13.9

4. **The Holy Spirit will be with you to guide you moving forward.**

...do not worry beforehand about what to say.....for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. 13.11

5. **Hang in there with patient endurance.**

...but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. 13.12



What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?