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“Living the Apocalypse” Mark 24:24-37
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Mark chapter 13 is about the end of the world. Think in terms of earthquakes, giant buildings falling down, wars and rumors of wars. Eventually, “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.” Hollywood even with all its special effects could not do justice to this scary depiction by Jesus of the End Times.

TEACHING POINTS

Teaching Point One: *No one knows the day or hour of the End Times.*

Teaching Point Two: *While it looks like things are total chaos, know that God is still in control.*

Teaching Point Three: *Jesus calls us to always be prepared!*

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

³²“However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. ³³And since you don’t know when that time will come, be on guard! Stay alert (Mark 13:32-33 NLT)!”

ACTION POINT

We need to be comforted that God’s plan is still in effect. God is in charge of how and when time will end, and God is in charge of our lives. God will provide for our needs, regardless of what may come. No one knows the future, but we know the One who holds the future. On the other hand, we need to ask ourselves whether we are ready for the End Times. What is the condition of our soul? Are we prepared for whatever may come upon us? Are we prepared to meet God with a peace and calm in our heart? If not, why not now get right with God? Talk with God, and ask God to lead your life. You’ll be glad you did!