

The Signs of His Coming

Mark's (basic) narrative Mark 13:24–27, with inserts: Matt/Luke records Jesus words:

But in **those days**, immediately^{Matt.} **after that tribulation**, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars of heaven will fall, And on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring, men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things coming on the earth^{Luke} and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn,^{Matt.} they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.^{Luke} And He will send His angels, with a great sound of a trumpet and they will^{Matt.} gather together His elect from the four winds, from the **farthest part of earth** to the **farthest part of heaven**.

Now learn this parable from the fig tree: and all the trees. When they are already budding^{Luke} When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, **you KNOW** that **summer is near**.

So **you also**, when you see all^{Matt.} these things happening, **KNOW** that it the kingdom of God^{Luke} is near—at the doors!

Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till **all these things take place**. Heaven and earth will pass away, but **my words will by no means pass away**.

But of that day and hour **no one knows**, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but **only the Father**.

Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. *(Omitted by Matt).*

Matthew **adds details** about the days of Noah to Jesus' words, as if Jesus continued this dialogue.

But **as the days of Noah were**, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as **in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and [they] DID NOT KNOW until the flood came and took them all away**, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. *(Matt. 24:37–39)*

Luke **adds facts** about the **beginning of sorrows**:

Then He said to them, **'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.'** *(Luke 21:10–11)*

For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Man will be in **His day**... *(Luke 17:24)*

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in **the days** of the Son of Man: **They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.** Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: **They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;** but on **the day** that Lot went out of Sodom **it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.** Even so will it be in **the day** when the Son of Man is revealed. *(Luke 17:26–30)*