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The Beginning Of The End
Mark 13

1. Have you ever seen a huge building demolished? What was it like? What did you think when you saw it?
2. What do you think would have been the disciples' reaction to Jesus' announcement that "not one stone would be left on another" [v2]?
3. A key word in Mark 13 is "WATCH!". Turn back and re-read where this word first occurs in Mark 12:38-40. Do you think these words would be too harsh if they had been spoken to certain religious leaders *today*? How would our 'culture of offense' respond? How would the Church respond to such words?
4. How alert are you to dangers, distractions, delusions, opposition – to *anything* which would lead you astray or trip you up as a Christian? Or do you simply go along as a Christian as if it's all pretty safe?
5. God's people were called on to be alert regarding the risk of false Messiahs and rumours. Is this warning, though given in the historic circumstance of the destruction of the temple, still relevant for us in any way?
6. How might the Church be in danger of listening to false Messiahs or hopes or promises of our day?
7. What should it mean in practical terms to be on guard or watch because we do not know when Jesus will return?
8. If you knew Jesus was going to return in two months, how would your life change now? What things would be less important and what things would be more important?