

# WARNING SIGNS

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**SUMMARY** | When you're taking a trip on the highway, you pass many signs that help you navigate. Some signs inform you of what exits to take, while others highlight dangers ahead. We need these signs because they allow us to arrive at our destination safely.

The same thing is true when tackling challenging and lengthy portions of Scripture. We sometimes need road markers to navigate our way through, and that is especially the case with Mark 13, Jesus's longest recorded teaching in Mark's gospel account. Thankfully, Jesus gives us warning signs when he uses the word *blepete*, which is Greek for "see to it, take heed, be on guard."

## This Week's Discussion Questions

1. Read Mark 13. How many warning (*blepete*) statements (see to it, take heed, be on guard, etc.) can you find in this passage?
2. Focusing on those warning signs, is there one that you feel might be particularly relevant in our day? Which one, and why?
3. Jesus highlights the danger of looking for what is true but trusting what is false (vv. 22–23). How does that danger relate to false teachers in our day as well?
4. While the promise of Jesus' return is one we can hold with absolute confidence, Jesus warns of the danger of claiming to know the time of His return (vv. 32–33). Have you heard of people claiming to know the time of His return? Why are such claims dangerous?

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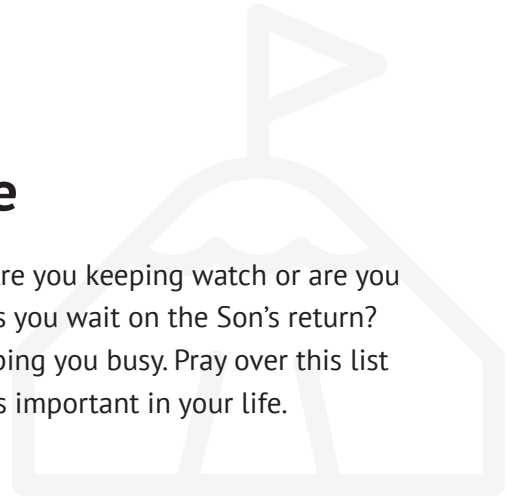
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## Challenge

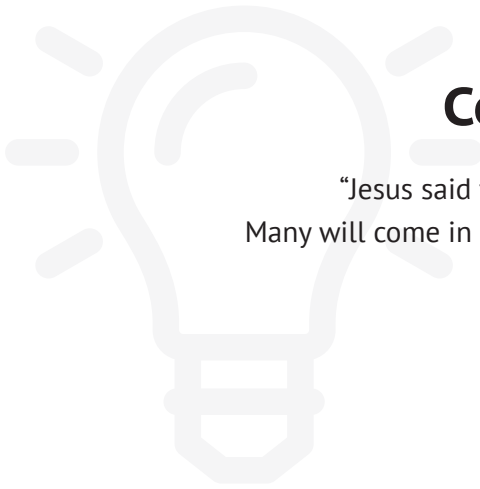
Read Mark 13:35–37 and reflect on Jesus’ return. Are you keeping watch or are you sleeping? What work has God called you to do as you wait on the Son’s return? Take some time to list all the things that are keeping you busy. Pray over this list and ask God to help you prioritize what is important in your life.



## Commit To Memory

“Jesus said to them, ‘Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many’”.

Mark 13:5-6



## Prayer

Loving Father, I thank You for the promise that Jesus will return, as He promised. Help me to find hope in that promise, even in the dark and difficult days of life; and help me to live with expectancy that Jesus is coming back—perhaps even today!

Amen.

