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Readings- Mark 13:1-23, Mark 13:24-36

James 1:22 – “do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves do what it says”.

The passage in its context

Leaving the temple

Two obvious questions

... do not follow signs

... be on your guard

In tough times

... preach the gospel

... stand firm

The cataclysmic event - Mark 13:13

... Daniel 9:27, 11:31, 12:11

= the death of Jesus the Son of God

... Apocalyptic literature

... the temple is no longer needed .. and will be destroyed

... the owner is coming back

For us today

- 1) The need to stand firm ... things might get a little rough.
- 2) Be gospel centred in tough times
- 3) Don't be distracted from Jesus
- 4) Don't bother with a date