

THE GOSPEL OF  
**mark**  
Signs of the Times  
Mark 13:1-37

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### The Best of Times (Mark 13:26-31)

Christ's return will be:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### The Timing of the Times (Mark 13:32-37)

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Mark 13:32

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_

*“Watch out that no one deceives you...”*  
Mark 13:5

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_

*“Be on guard! Be alert!  
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Mark 13:33

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_

*“This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God's people.”*  
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#### Digging Deeper

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2. Visible
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