Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on The Gospel of Mark. Today’s topic: THE LAST DAYS OF JESUS BEFORE HIS CRUCIFIXION.

1. A beautiful example of personal sacrifice
a) Mark 12:41-44 Notice—Jesus does not criticize those who gave much, but He gives special attention to the small gift of a poor widow. Why?
b) How does this act of personal sacrifice relate to events about to occur in the life of Jesus? John 10:11
c) What lesson can we learn from this story for our own lives as followers of Jesus? Mark 8:34-36, etc.

2. A dual-application prophecy given by Jesus
a) Mark 13:1 What reasons did the disciples have to admire the Temple in Jerusalem?
b) What startling prophecy did Jesus make concerning this magnificent edifice? Mark 13:2
c) When was this prophecy of Jesus fulfilled?
d) There are many ancient edifices that have survived for thousands of years. Why was this beautiful Temple in Jerusalem torn down, just as Jesus prophesied 40 years earlier?
e) What additional revelation did Jesus provide to His disciples concerning both the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world? Mark 13:3-18
f) What clue did Jesus give the disciples regarding the identity of the Abomination of Desolation? (See Daniel 9:26-27, 11:31, 12:11)

3. The coming of Jesus with great power and glory
a) Mark 13:24-26 What is the significance of the title Son of Man that Jesus uses when referring to Himself? (See also Daniel 7:13-14, Mark 8:38)
b) What else occurs when Jesus returns with great power and glory? Mark 13:27
c) What revelation did Jesus give to the apostle Paul regarding His coming with great power and glory? 1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 (notice the opening phrase)
d) What counsel did Jesus provide that will help us to prepare for His return with great power and glory? Mark 13:28-37
e) What are you most looking forward to when Jesus returns to this earth with great power and glory?
f) What counsel would you give to a friend who is fearful about the return of Jesus?
g) What is the best preparation we can make for the return of Jesus?