

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
November 18, 2018
The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Daniel 12:1-3 † Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 † Mark 13:24-32



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All of this Sunday's readings speak of the end time! There's some very scary news being imparted here. Frightening to us and I'm sure frightening to the people Jesus was speaking to at the time.

"... the sun will darkened and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken."

No matter how you look at it; something very bad is about to take place.

Jesus was preaching a new covenant. He was the Son of the one true God, sent to be the Salvation of mankind. The true kingdom is the kingdom of heaven. The Romans were NOT happy. Jesus was beginning to gather a following and performing miracles. He had to be stopped. Jesus was trying to reassure the people that although terrible things were about to take place, He would prevail. The Kingdom of God was the one true Kingdom. Although He was crucified, died and was buried, he rose again and ascended into heaven. The covenant was sealed.

These same challenges remain today. Many do not believe in the covenant. There are those who speak and act against Christianity. The message is the same today: remain faithful. No evil in this world can destroy the covenant and the salvation Jesus won for the people of God.