

## SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

### SUNDAY 33B—MARK 13:24-31

<b>Liturgy</b>	Sunday 31	Mk 12:28-34	Greatest commandment(s)
	Sunday 32	Mk 12:38-44	Wicked scribes; widow's mite
	Sunday 33	Mk 13:24-32	End times

**Scripture** | Mark 11 1-11 Palm Sunday; 12-33 Fig Monday; disputes with priest, scribes; Mark 12 1-11 Parable of the wicked tenants 12-34 attempts to trap Jesus: paying of tribute; many marriages; greatest commandment. 35-44 Teaching in the Temple precincts. Mark 13 leaving the temple, teaching the disciples on the Mount of Olives: warning of end times.

θλίψις thlipsis, from thlibo, to make narrow by pressing on. Originally pressure, constriction, and so to affliction, anguish, distress, tribulation, trouble.

But in those days, after those of **tribulation**, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; and the stars will fall out of heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds, with great power and glory. And then he will send the angels and will gather together his **elect** from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of heaven. Now learn the parable of the fig-tree:

when the branch of it has already become tender and it puts forth leaves, you know that the summer is near. So also you, when you see these things come to pass, know that he is near, at the **doors**.

Παρελεύσονται pareleusontai, from parerchomai, to pass by. Same word is used for what Jesus prays that the hour might do, ie "the hour might pass him by" (Mk 14:35)

Amen I say to you that this generation will not have **passed away** until all these things have taken place. The heaven and the earth will pass away, but my words will in no way pass away.

ἐκλεκτούς eklektous, the ones chosen out of a group, picked out.

θύρα, door, entrance, passage, vestibule.

### Jerusalem Bible

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

### Revised Standard Version

[24] "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,

[25] and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

[26] And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory.

[27] And then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

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"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near.

[29] So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

[30] Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away before all these things take place.

[31] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.