

## Thirty-third Sunday In Ordinary Time

November 14, 2021

Chapter 13, from which we take today's Gospel, is for Mark his interpretation of the end times. He writes using Apocalyptic genre. The Book of Revelations, the Book of Daniel which we heard today, and this chapter all use this style of writing that speaks of the end times. This Jewish literature uses symbolic language, images, and cosmic disturbances that intend to bring the reader to an awareness of the power of God.

Using literary themes like "in those days", Light and darkness because of the loss of the cosmic lights, and the title "The Son of Man": all these idioms challenge the reader/listener to be awake, to know that God is in charge. And no one knows the day or hour that this will happen.

The point of this literary genre is to gather the new Christians to be serious about their newfound faith. Belief in the Resurrection is essential for the common good of the new Faithful. And to live as though the resurrection is near would hold their feet to the fire.

And for us today the image of Apocalyptic genre stands renewed. The world Gathering at the COP26 meetings in Glasgow, Scotland announce a similar urgency. Climate Change is altering our Planet Earth. As water levels rise, and fires and hurricanes destroy; where will these people live? Perhaps this is our new Apocalypse. God created this word, but it is up to the humans to CO-Create with God, with the purpose of sustaining Planet Earth for our future.