

# Biblical reflection

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## ***With youth, we proclaim the Gospel to all!***

“And the good news must first  
be proclaimed to all nations” (Mk 13:10)

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus speaks of the end of the world by claiming that: “*the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations*” (Mk 13:10). Later, he reassures his disciples: “*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*” (Mk 13:31)

We live in an era of conflict and uncertainty similar to the world 2000 years ago. Some areas are relatively peaceful, but others are insecure. Terrorism, famine, natural disasters and the effects of global warming make Jesus’s words relevant today.

What should concern us most is the message of hope behind in his message. Despite all that is wrong, God remains the Master of history and guardian of us all. Jesus tells us: “*When you see these things taking place, the end will not follow immediately, because the Gospel must first be proclaimed.*” The Good News is that God has not abandoned us and that his love is all embracing. Even when foreshadowed, for those of faith, death is not the end but rather the beginning of new life.

The Good News must first be proclaimed. Whether or not the world is at peace, whether people are experiencing joy or sorrow, the Gospel must be announced. If it appears that modern society is too materialistic, the Good News proclaims that Love is the only true God. No one can serve two masters: God and money. “*If riches increase, do not set your heart on them*” (Ps 62:10). Our life belongs to the Lord.

We must share with others what we have learned through our spiritual experience with Jesus. Jesus’s disciples are never solitary. Everything we have that is good has been received through God’s grace and must be beneficial to the community. God is always present and his actions contribute to its growth. Each positive action that we make has implications beyond our living environment.