

Luke 21

“The Days Will Come...”

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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May 31

As Jesus continued to teach in the temple (19:47-21:38) during the last week before his death, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, but he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.

“Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in \_\_\_\_\_ than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.” (21:3-4)

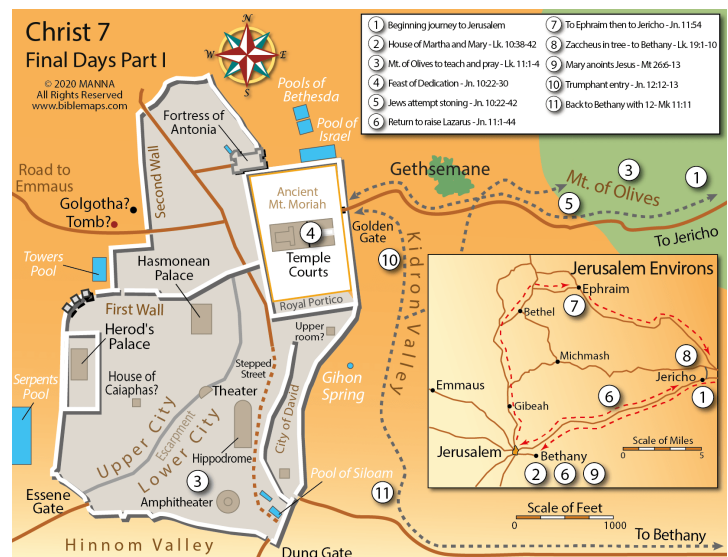
While some were speaking of the temple and its beauty, Jesus foretold very difficult days that were coming:

- Not one \_\_\_\_\_ of the temple would be left upon another (21:6)
- Nation would rise \_\_\_\_\_ nation, and kingdom against kingdom (21:10)
- There would be earthquakes, famines, pestilences, \_\_\_\_\_, and great signs from heaven (21:11)

When he was asked, “Teacher, \_\_\_\_\_ will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” (21:7), Jesus told his disciples not to be terrified. In fact, even as persecution started to make their own lives difficult, “This will be your opportunity to bear \_\_\_\_\_” (21:12-19).

- \_\_\_\_\_ would be surrounded by armies and trampled underfoot by the Gentiles (21:20-24)
- The “\_\_\_\_\_ of the heavens” would be “shaken” (21:25-28)

His words were alarming and sobering, but notice what Jesus said in Luke 21:32-33: “\_\_\_\_\_ generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my \_\_\_\_\_ will not pass away.” So what was he talking about? What did his disciples need to be watchful for? How could they be prepared? And how does Luke 21 help us grow in certainty about Jesus? Let’s talk about it...



## For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ Why do you think Jesus would say what he said in [21:3-4](#)? What is his point? What does he want disciples ancient and modern to understand?
- ▶ Jesus begins foretelling very dark days that were ahead in [21:6](#). What is he describing?
- ▶ According to [21:5](#), “some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings.” Why would God allow such a beautiful building to be destroyed? Despite its outward beauty, what was the problem in this centerpiece of Jerusalem?
- ▶ “See that you are not led astray” ([21:8](#)). Take a moment to think about those words. What does it mean to be “led astray”? Are modern disciples still prone to this danger?
- ▶ Jesus’ statement in [21:13](#) is remarkable. Having described future difficulties that his own disciples will experience, he emphasizes, “This will be your opportunity to bear witness.” What can we learn from this statement?
- ▶ In your own words, what is Jesus promising his disciples in [21:14-19](#)?
- ▶ Language like that included in the “orderly account” of [21:25-28](#) can easily confuse readers of the Bible. What is Jesus talking about? Why use this sort of incredible language? Ultimately, what does Jesus want his disciples to understand and do?
- ▶ How would you summarize the point of the brief parable of the fig tree in [21:29-33](#)?
- ▶ Using [21:34-36](#) as a summary of what we’ve studied, what is the practical takeaway? What does it mean to “watch” oneself? Can that apply to us today?
- ▶ Remember the goal of Luke’s Gospel—“that you may have certainty” ([1:4](#)). How does [Luke 21](#) help us grow in certainty about Jesus?