Lesson 21 Luke 21

1As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury.2He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. 3“Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in more than all the others. 4All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

5Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, 6“As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

7“Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

8He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. 9When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

10Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

12“But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name.13And so you will bear testimony to me.14But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves.15For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. 16You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. 17Everyone will hate you because of me. 18But not a hair of your head will perish. 19Stand firm, and you will win life.

20“When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. 21Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. 22For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. 23How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. 24They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

25“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

29He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. 30When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. 31Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

32“Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 33Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

34“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. 35For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

37Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives, 38and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple.

1. What is important and significant to Jesus about the offering a person brings to the Lord? What made the widow’s small offering so special?

2. What prompted Jesus’ next lesson, and how do you think the disciples felt about what he was saying? (Verses 5-6)

3. The disciples identified the destruction of the Temple with the end times, but Jesus separates them. What did the disciples ask Jesus, regarding his prophecy about the destruction of the Temple? Summarize the answer Jesus gave them in verses 8-24.

4. What clear “don’ts” does Jesus give His disciples in verses 8-19?

5. Which, if any, of these “don’ts” did you need to be reminded of today? Explain. Can you think of other Bible verses that confirm this “don’t”? If so, jot down 2 or 3 or them.

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*6.* Verse 19 says “19Stand firm, and you will win life.” The New King James version says “By your patience possess your souls”. What does this mean to you?

7. Read verses 13-15. When were you a bold witness for Christ and how did the Holy Spirit give you words and wisdom?

8. Read Jesus’ parable about the fig tree in verses 29-31. How close do you think the fig tree is to sprouting? What makes you think this?

9. In verses 34-36, what does Jesus say we should do, and not do, as we await His second coming? How can you make sure you aren’t caught unexpectedly by Jesus coming?

10. What does this chapter make you want to do more of? Do less of?

Do more:

Do less:

10. Journal this passage SOAP style.