


Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple

Luke 21:5 – 19


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The temple faces God's judgment

- **Luke 21:5, 6**

And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said, "As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down."



Judgment on Jerusalem is thematic

- **Luke 9:22** – Jesus is to be rejected by the leadership in Jerusalem
- **Luke 13:34** – Jesus laments Jerusalem's status as one that kills prophets
- **Luke 19:41- 44** – Jesus laments Jerusalem's spiritual darkness and predicts her destruction
- **Luke 19:45 – 21:4** Jesus confronts the temple system and its leaders
- **Luke 21:5-24** Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem

How Luke 21 is laid out

- **Luke 21:5, 6** – Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple
- **Luke 21:7-11** – Jesus describes signs that will precede the destruction of the temple
- **Luke 21:12 – 19** – Jesus predicts the persecution of His followers that will precede the destruction of the temple
- **Luke 21:20 – 24** – The destruction of Jerusalem and instructions for disciples
- **Luke 21:25 – 28** – Eschatological events

False teachers will precede the destruction of the temple

- **Luke 21:7, 8**

They questioned Him, saying, “Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” And He said, “See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and, ‘The time is near’. Do not go after them.”

The end of the age is not triggered by the destruction of the temple

- **Luke 21:9**

“When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately.”

Signs of eschatological judgment

■ **Luke 21:10 - 11**

Then He continued by saying to them,
 “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom
 against kingdom, and there will be great
 earthquakes, and in various places plagues
 and famines; and there will be terrors and
 great signs from heaven.”

Before the destruction of the temple,
Jesus’ disciples will be persecuted

■ **Luke 21:12 - 13**

But before all these things, they will lay their
 hands on you and will persecute you,
 delivering you to the synagogues and
 prisons, bringing you before kings and
 governors for My name's sake. It will lead to
 an opportunity for your testimony.

Events in Acts predicted by Jesus

■ Earthquakes:

Acts 16:26

■ Famine:

Acts 11:28

■ Heavenly signs:

Acts 2:2-4

■ Imprisoned:

Acts 4:3

■ Led before kings:

Acts 25:13, 14

■ Jewish leadership:

Acts 5:27, 28

■ Opportunity to witness:

Acts 5:30 - 32

God will give the ability to testify without premeditation on the part of disciples

■ **Luke 21:14, 15**

“So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.”

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■ **Luke 12:11, 12**

When they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not worry about how or what you are to speak in your defense, or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.

Disciples are alienated from the lost because of the gospel

■ **Luke 21:16, 17**

But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, and you will be hated by all because of My name.

Even those who are killed do not
perish

■ **Luke 21:18, 19**

Yet not a hair of your head will perish. By
your endurance you will gain your lives.

Applications and Implications

1) Do not be misled by false prophets

2) Persecution is an opportunity to testify
about Christ

3) The Holy Spirit within you will give you
the ability to confess Christ

1) Do not be misled by false prophets

■ **Matthew 24:24**

For false Christs and false prophets will
arise and will show great signs and
wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even
the elect.

1) Do not be misled by false prophets

■ **2Peter 2:1 - 3**

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

2) Persecution is an opportunity to testify about Christ

■ **Acts 4:1, 2**

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them, being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

2) Persecution is an opportunity to testify about Christ

■ **Mark 13:9, 10**

But be on your guard; for they will deliver you to the courts, and you will be flogged in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them. The gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

3) The Holy Spirit within you will give you the ability to confess Christ

■ **John 15:26**

When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,

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■ **1John 4:2, 3**

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

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■ **1John 4:15**

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

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■ **Acts 4:31, 33**

And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness. And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.
