

## Signs of the Times – Part 1

Luke 21:5-38; Coast Community Church; Pastor Earl Miles; 2-16-2020

**The Big Picture:** *What does God call us to do through His Word?*

- Find Your **Happiness** in the Love of God (John 15:9-11)
- Rest** in Jesus
- Hope** in God
- Pursue** Love
- Endure** the Test

### **The Temple (5)**

<sup>5</sup> *And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said, - Luke 21:6; see also Mark 13:1; Matthew 21:1*

Why were the disciples so impressed with the Temple?

Why are we impressed with ‘big’ and ‘beautiful’ and want to preserve it?

Why would God not be impressed with ‘big’ and ‘beautiful’ and destroy it?

### **The Prediction (6)**

*“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.” - Luke 21:6*

What is Jesus talking about?

Why would this be a shocking thing to His disciples?

Why did God destroy the Temple in 586 BC and again in 70 AD?

### **The Question (7)**

*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?” - Luke 21:7; see also Matthew 24:3; Mark 13:3-4*

What were the disciples really asking?

What were they assuming?

Why would they want to know the timing of these things?

□ **The Commands (8-9)**

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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." - Luke 21:8-9; see also Matthew 24:4-6; Mark 13:5-7

How does the Lord Jesus respond?

What does He tell them to expect?

**Think Biblically (5-9)**

*What are we to do?*

There are two commands in this passage:

*'See to it that you are not misled' (8)*

'misled' = word from which we get 'planet' which means 'wandering star'; to be misled is to wander away from the truth

*'Do not be terrified' (9)*

'terrified' = startled, alarmed, frightened, terrified (like a bird that flies away quickly once he realizes you're coming near)

Did you know that being deceived (when you have resources to prevent it) is your own fault?

Did you know that being afraid (when you shouldn't be) is your own fault?

How do you fight deception and fear?

1 Corinthians 14:20; 2 Timothy 2:7; Romans 12:1-2

**The Beginning:** *How do we begin to apply this in our lives?*

We begin with the gospel. (Romans 1:16)

- **Agree with God** about Your Sin and Turn from It
- **Believe in Jesus** as an Able and Willing Savior for You
- **Call on God** for Mercy and Grace in Prayer and Baptism