



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 21:5-24 (NAS)

Topic: "Dealing with Life's Traumas"

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- 1 And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said,
- 2 "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."
- 3 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?"
- 4 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.
- 5 "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."
- 6 Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom,
- 7 and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.
- 8 "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.
- 9 "It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony.
- 10 "So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves;
- 11 for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute.
- 12 "But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death,
- 13 and you will be hated by all because of My name.
- 14 "Yet not a hair of your head will perish.
- 15 "By your endurance you will gain your lives.
- 16 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near.
- 17 "Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city;
- 18 because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.
- 19 "Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people;
- 20 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

I. IS THE CHRISTIAN LIFE FREE FROM TROUBLES?

- A. False Teachers May Say, "Yes"
- B. Our Experiences Say, "No"
- C. Jesus Declares That It Is Not A Trouble-Free Life

II. THE DISCUSSION AS THEY EXITED THE TEMPLE

- A. They Spoke Of The Beauty Of The Temple *Mark 13:1*
- B. Jesus In Response Spoke Of Its Destruction
- C. They Questioned When This Would Occur

III. THE PROPHETIC DISCOURSE

- A. Jerusalem To Fall
- B. Other Catastrophic Events Which Would Effect Christians

IV. SOURCE OF SECURITY

- A. Sovereignty Of God
 1. Christ controlled His own death *John 10:17-18*
 2. He predicted these events
- B. He Promised Security *vs. 8; Romans 8:38,39*
- C. God Controls Even The Activities Of Evil *Isaiah 46:9-10; Ephesians 1:11; Proverbs 16:4*
- D. God Is Not The Source Of Evil
 1. The death of Christ *Acts 2:23*
 2. Contrary to His nature *Psalms 145:7; Hebrews 1:13; Psalm 119:137; Isaiah 6:3*

V. JERUSALEM'S JUDGEMENT ECHOES THE JUDGEMENT TO COME