

## Watch yourselves - Read 21.29-38

16. What sort of things do people fear, or film makers suggest, might end our world? What will bring about the end and how do we know? (vv32-33)

17. How do verse 31 and 34 show us the difficulty of knowing about the future from what the Bible teaches us? Remember that even Jesus did not know the hour of the end (Mk 13.32).

18. What do verses 34 and 36 tell us to do knowing that the Jesus will come again?

## Pray

Whilst we should not be surprised by the conflict in the world, we should pray for those in leadership and to seek peace ourselves.

Pray for those suffering the consequences of conflict, particularly for refugees, and those having to decide whether to stay put or move.

Pray for Christians facing persecution that God would do what we have read about in verse 13 to 15.

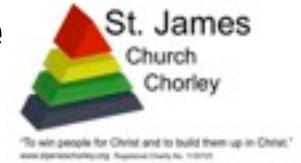
Pray that we too might have courage to endure even to death.

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# Jesus' teaching in Luke

## Week 4

### The Days to Come



*Luke 20 and 21 contain teaching of Jesus, in the Temple, sometime from Monday to the Thursday before the crucifixion. In chapter 21 He speaks about the future including events that clearly took place nearly 40 years later when Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans but also about His coming again.*

### The Temple : Read Luke 21.5-6

*On the previous Sunday Jesus had driven out people who were misusing the Temple (19.45).*

1. People were understandably proud of the Temple. Why do you think people become attached to buildings like this, including Churches and Cathedrals?

2. What problems can there be if we get too tied up with buildings and too focussed on them?

3. Some people want churches to be adorned (v5) whilst others see dangers in this and want simplicity. What do you think?

4. What did Jesus say was going to happen to the Temple, as indeed did happen nearly 40 years later?

**Beware Read 21.7-19**

*Jesus is preparing the disciples for what lies ahead.*

5. What are we told not to do in verse 8 and what is the particular danger?

6. Similarly, what things does Jesus describe that we also see happening today and how should we respond? (v9)

7. What sort of things are described as happening in verses 10 and 11?

*In v10-11 Jesus could be talking about things that keep happening in the world, or about the Fall of Jerusalem in AD70 (Joseph, a Jewish historian, even describes some of the signs in the sky at that time), or that will happen before His return - or all three.*

8. What did Jesus warn people about the troubles they would face and how to respond to them? (v12-19)

9. How might Jesus be thought to be contradicting Himself in verses 16-19? Since He isn't what is He talking about and what does it teach us?

**Destruction - Read 21.20-24**

*This prophecy was fulfilled in the fall of Jerusalem nearly 40 years later.*

10. What was he telling the people to do when it happened?

11. Verses 21 and 22 may seem hard. What does Jesus say about why the events took place? In what ways do we see similar things in the Old Testament?

*We need to beware here, people have misused things like this to justify hatred of the Jews, which is clearly wrong.*

12. After the death of Jesus sacrifices were no longer needed and therefore neither was the Temple. What else does Jesus say, in verse 24, about the time before His coming again?

**Second Coming - Read 21.25-28**

*Jesus is now clearly talking about His return.*

13. In verse 8 (see question 5) what would happen that might deceive some? How is this very different to what will happen when Jesus does come again (v27)?

14. Over the centuries there have been many individuals who have claimed to be Jesus come again, and some groups who claim He has already returned. How should we therefore respond to them, or others who may make such claims?

15. These verses suggest that there will be certain dramatic events before Jesus returns. What does Jesus say about how people will respond to them and about how we should respond? Are you ready?