



BUT WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT IT? “What Did Jesus Say About Faithfulness?” Luke 21:5-38

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In all His teaching, Jesus was careful to point out both the blessings and the challenges of discipleship. He said that life would be rich, but not easy, and that faithfulness was crucial.

I. The Setting. vv. 5-7

- A. Reactions to the magnificent Temple. v. 5
- B. Predictions of a future disaster. v. 6
- C. Questions concerning the predictions. v. 7

II. The Parable. vv. 29-31

- A. The obvious lesson drawn from budding trees—summer is coming.
- B. The obvious lesson from the signs—the kingdom is coming.
 - 1. The kingdom of God has come...
 - 2. ...will come.
- C. The obvious blending of Jerusalem’s destruction and the “end.”

III. The Teaching. vv. 8-28; 32-36

- A. Events that will happen before the fall of Jerusalem. (70 A.D.) vv. 12-24
 - 1. The great witnessing movement of the disciples. vv. 12-13
 - 2. The unusual empowerment of the disciples.
 - 3. The inevitable opposition to the disciples.
 - a. Opposition may even come from family.
 - b. Martyrdom is a possibility, but they will not perish!
 - c. “Standing firm” is the posture of those being saved.
 - 4. The practical warning to the disciples. vv. 20-24
 - 5. The reassuring promise to the disciples—“times of the Gentiles fulfilled.”
- B. Events that will happen before the end.
 - 1. False messiahs will appear, requiring knowledge of truth. v. 8
 - 2. Erroneous predictions will be made, requiring discernment. v. 8
 - 3. Frightening world events will transpire, requiring confidence. v. 9
 - 4. “These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”
 - 5. Perplexing cosmic events will terrify, requiring courage. v. 26
- C. Events incorporated in the end. vv. 27-28
 - 1. The return of the Son of Man. See Daniel 7:13
 - 2. The drawing near of redemption. See Romans 13:11
- D. Appropriate responses to this warning. vv. 32-36
 - 1. Confidence that the word of the Lord will never pass away. vv. 32-33
 - 2. Carefulness to avoid worldly pressures obscuring vision. vv. 34-35
 - 3. Consciousness of the reality of standing before the Son of Man. v. 36