

• LESSON 22 (June 5) • Luke 21 • “The Days Will Come...”

1. As we open our Bibles to Luke 21, let's take a moment to remind ourselves of the context. Where is Jesus? He sees the rich putting their gifts into the offering box (21:1). Where is this box?

2. Why would Jesus say what he said in Luke 21:3-4? What is his point? What does he want disciples ancient and modern to understand?

3. Jesus begins foretelling very dark days that were ahead in Luke 21:6. What is he describing?

4. According to Luke 21:5, “some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings.” Why would God allow such a beautiful building to be destroyed? Despite its outward grandeur, what was the problem in this centerpiece of Jerusalem?

5. “See that you are not led astray” (21:8). Take a moment to think about those words. What does it mean to be “led astray”? Are modern disciples still prone to this danger?

6. Jesus' statement in Luke 21:13 is remarkable. Having described future difficulties that his own disciples will experience, he emphasizes, “This will be your opportunity to bear witness.” What can we learn from this statement?

7. In your own words, what is Jesus promising his disciples in Luke 21:14-19?

8. Language like that included in the “orderly account” of Luke 21:25-28 frequently confuses readers of the Bible. Based on the broader scope of Old and New Testament prophecies, what is Jesus talking about? Why use this sort of incredible language? Ultimately, what does Jesus want his disciples to understand and do?

9. How would you summarize the point of the brief parable of the fig tree in Luke 21:29-33?

10. Using Luke 21:34-36 as a summary recap of what we have studied throughout Luke 21, what is the practical takeaway? What does it mean to “watch” oneself? Is there a principle here that we can apply to ourselves today?