



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, September 6, 2020

Luke 21:5-38 – Kingdom Timing: Part 2

We Learn:

Jesus spoke about the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem (v. 6, 20-24) and his second coming (v. 25-28) in almost the same breath. With the initiation of the kingdom of God in Jesus' first coming and the consummation of the kingdom at Jesus' second coming it is as if all of the events in between don't really need to be separated out. Instead, for us who are living in the "times of the Gentiles," after the destruction of the temple in 70 CE and before the very visible, unmistakable return of Jesus sometime in the future, we are called to not get caught up in the anxieties of life or determining eschatological timing but to watch and pray.

- What did Jesus say about the temple? What happened in 70 CE that proved him right?
- What did Jesus say about events that were to precede his second coming?
- How does knowing that Jesus was right about the destruction of the temple affect how you view what he said about his return?
- What is the deception that Jesus warned us about?
- Why should we not be afraid when there are wars, earthquakes, famines, pestilences, and fearful events?
- How can we receive words and wisdom from God that no one can contradict?

We Respond:

- Do you pray for perseverance in facing hardship and suffering? Or do you assume hardship will not come to you, or that you will be able to face it in your own strength?

We Apply:

- What "anxieties of life" do you need to "be careful" of because it could cause you to stop watching for Jesus' return?
- How can you effectively watch and pray?