



The Gospel according to LUKE

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Scripture : Luke 21:5-36 (Matt.24; Mk.13) Topic : Last Days

Experiencing a deep & genuine encounter with Jesus through the pages of the Gospel of Luke

The Setting:

- ◆ Triumphal Entry (Sunday)
- ◆ Cleansing Temple (Monday)
- ◆ Teaching & debating (Monday to Wednesday)
- ◆ **Two Events:** Widows offering; Destruction of Temple

I. PROPHECY: THE SIGNS

A. The Principle of Double-References:

- Prophetic signs of the last days...
- Birth pangs— will increase in intensity...

B. Jesus' Prophecies:

- **False Teachers:** Deceivers, Cults
 - Claiming special prophecies or revelation.
- **Wars & Revolutions:** Nations & cultures...
 - "But the end will not come right away" (vs.9)
- **Natural Disasters:** Famines, Pestilences (Plagues)
- **Great Signs in the Heavens:** Sun, Moon, Stars (meteors); Sea & tides (vs.11, 25-26)
 - "The heavenly bodies will be shaken"(vs.26)
- **Fear:** Men will faint with terror; fearful events
 - "Apprehensive of what is coming on the world."

C. Two Specific Signs: It begins....

- **Persecution of Believers:** (vs.12-17)
 - Men will hate you because you believe in Jesus
 - * **Book of Acts:** Examples of Persecution & Trials
- **Destruction of Jerusalem:** (Lk.19:42, 21:20-24)
 - 70 AD (by the Romans) City, Temple & Nation
 - Israel was not restored till 1948

II. PREPARED FOR PROPHECY

The Sign of the Fig Tree- "budding"

- A. Be Alert for the Signs:** Luke 21:31 "When you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near."
 Luke 21:34 "Don't let that day catch you unaware..." (NLT)
 Luke 21:36 "Be always on the watch..."

B. Don't Get Distracted or be Discouraged:

* By partying, drunkenness, anxieties

C. Hold to God's Promises: Word of God (vs.33)

Luke 21:18 "But not a hair of your head will perish."

D. Stand Firm: Luke 21:19 "By standing firm you will gain life." (Vs.26)

* Be patient; enduring; remain faithful

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