

Living in the Last Days

Lessons from the Master – Part 9

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2 Peter 3:3-4 (ESV) ... scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

2 Peter 3:10 (ESV) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Acts 2:17 (ESV) "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

1. _____ in the last days

Luke 21:1-2 (ESV) Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.

Luke 21:3-4 (ESV) And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

2. _____ in the last days

Luke 21:5-6 (ESV) And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

Luke 21:7-8 (ESV) And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them.

Luke 21:9 (ESV) And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

3. _____ in the last days

Luke 21:10-11 (ESV) Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

Luke 21:12-13 (ESV) But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness.

Luke 21:14-15 (ESV) Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

Luke 21:16-17 (ESV) You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake.

Luke 21:18-19 (ESV) But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

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Intro. How do you see the attitude described in 2 Peter 3:3-4 in our day?

Explain what will happen on the day of the Lord (2 Peter 3:10).

How does Acts 2:17 tell us that we are living in the last days?

1A. How would most people of Jesus' day think of the difference between the giving of the rich and the poor (Luke 21:1-2)?

1B. Why did God value the giving of the poor widow more than that of all the rich (Luke 21:3-4)?

1C. How would you encourage someone to give their tithes and offerings as the poor widow when they think they'll have nothing left?

2A. What impact do you think Jesus' prophesy about the temple had on those listening (Luke 21:5-6)?

2B. What is Jesus' warning to us in the last days (Luke 21:7-8)?

2C. How should we react to news of wars and conflicts in the last days (Luke 21:9)?

2D. How should you as a believer live in the last days?

2E. Describe how the church will grow and evil increase at the same time in the last days.

3A. What kinds of happenings can we expect in the last days (Luke 21:10-11)?

3B. How can persecution be an opportunity for witness (Luke 21:12-13)?

3C. How has God promised to help you to be a witness (Luke 21:14-15)?

3D. In what ways can you prepare for persecution (Luke 21:16-19)?

3E. Why is it important to prioritize being a witness in the last days?