

The Destruction of Jerusalem

Part Two: Warning Signs and Persecution

Sermon Questions

1. What other passages can you study the Olivet Discourse besides Luke 21? _____
2. Were there severe famines and earthquakes in the years following Jesus' words? (Yes/No)
3. What are the signs from heaven? (circle the best answer)
 - i. Planets and stars aligning to form a pattern or message.
 - ii. Comets, meteor showers, or shooting stars.
 - iii. Angelic beings coming to earth.
4. Which book of the Bible documents persecution faced by the apostles? _____
5. List the four principles Jesus teaches to prepare his followers for persecution:
(You'll need to come back to this question as the sermon continues.)
 - i. Take the opportunity to _____ truth.
 - ii. _____ the wisdom of God.
 - iii. Prepare to be hated and _____.
 - iv. Endure in _____.
6. The word "martyr" was coined for the apostles' suffering while proclaiming Christ as Lord. (Yes/No)
7. A _____ witness is when the world hates you because you love Christ. ("good" or "bad")
8. You need to be thoroughly prepared to speak boldly for Christ. (Yes/No)
9. It is a person's loyalty to Christ that can cause divisions in family. (Yes/No)
10. Jesus is not _____ us to do something that he has not done himself.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Have you experienced persecution or ridicule because you follow Jesus? What temptations do we face while being persecuted?
2. The book of Acts documents the suffering of many of the apostles. How did they respond to suffering? (Hint: See Acts 4, 5, 16)
3. How does Christ's example in suffering and his prophecy in Luke 21 give us strength to endure in hope?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Room for Notes, Questions, and Sketches (related to the sermon)