

The Destruction of Jerusalem

Part One: Context, Context, Context

Sermon Questions

1. The challenge of this text is understanding if it describes the _____, the past, or both.
2. With difficult texts we need _____ and carefully consider the context.
3. List at least two kinds of "context" which help to understand a biblical text:

4. Three things are especially important to understand Luke 21:
 - i. Pay careful attention to literary _____.
 - ii. Understand Old _____ background.
 - iii. Understand historical events from 66 to _____ A.D.
5. Whose eyewitness account of the destruction of Jerusalem is important for us? _____
6. What was so impressive about the "noble stones" of the temple?

7. Are Jesus' words speaking about the current of future temple? (current/future)
8. Jesus teaches that his _____ are more permanent than the stones of the temple.
9. Jesus mentions two things that are *not* signs of immanent destruction:
 - i. False _____ promising salvation and deliverance.
 - ii. Wars, tumults, and societal upheaval.
10. Did these things happen shortly after Jesus' death and resurrection? (Yes/No)
11. Christians should not _____ death because Jesus has conquered death.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Explain why context is so important to understand a passage in the Bible. Are there other examples you can recall where the Bible is taken out of context? How do we ensure we read in context?
2. What are current examples of social chaos that can tempt Christians to fear? For every example, consider why fear is not faithful and how our hope in Christ conquers fear.
3. How can we keep from being led astray by the false ideas that are propagated in our day and age?
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)