

### **Read Luke 21:1-28**

<sup>1</sup>And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury. <sup>2</sup> And He saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins. <sup>3</sup> And He said, “Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all of them; <sup>4</sup> for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on.”

<sup>5</sup> And while some were talking about the temple, that it was adorned with beautiful stones and votive gifts, He said, <sup>6</sup> “As for these things which you are looking at, the days will come in which there will not be left one stone upon another which will not be torn down.”

<sup>7</sup> They questioned Him, saying, “Teacher, when therefore will these things happen? And what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And He said, “See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup> When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately.”

<sup>10</sup> Then He continued by saying to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, <sup>11</sup> and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup> “But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name’s sake. <sup>13</sup> It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; <sup>15</sup> for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. <sup>16</sup> But you will be betrayed even by

parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, <sup>17</sup> and you will be hated by all because of My name. <sup>18</sup> Yet not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your lives.

<sup>20</sup> “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near. <sup>21</sup> Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; <sup>22</sup> because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled. <sup>23</sup> Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people; <sup>24</sup> and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

<sup>25</sup> “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup> men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

## Study Questions

- 1) What was the location of this teaching?
- 2) When his disciples spoke of the grandeur and greatness of the Temple building, what did Jesus respond with? Where was true safety only to be found?
- 3) Read Psalm 91 out loud. What does it have in common with Luke 21:1-28?
- 4) Why is it important to “speak to the mountain” and speak God’s Word over yourself and those you love?
- 5) When trouble (the virus) comes looking for you, what then is the prescription? Where does peace come from?