

1. In the week leading up to Passover, how did Jesus spend his days, and where did he go every night? (Luke 21:37-38)
2. Surrounded by his disciples, Jesus watched people putting offerings into the treasury. This was a place in the women's courtyard, where there were various collection boxes for the offerings of the faithful.
  - a. Why do you think Jesus told his disciples that the "Poor widow has put in more than all the others"? (Luke 21:1-4)
  - b. What can we learn from the widow?

**Note:** *The remainder of the chapter is referred to as the "Olivet Discourse," and it foretells the coming devastation of Jerusalem in language that makes use of several Old Testament images and themes. Jesus' words were confirmed a generation later, when the Romans trampled the city and the Temple to the ground in A.D. 70. This catastrophe was a historical preview of the end of the world, showing how God's judgment upon the one nation of Israel at the end of the Old Covenant era prefigures the judgment of all nations at the end of world.*

3. How might people be fooled about the arrival of the end of the world? (Luke 21:8)
4. Rather than worrying about the far future, Jesus tells his followers they should be preparing themselves for what will soon begin happening to them. Name some things his disciples should expect in the near future. (Luke 21:12)
5. Jesus suggests how to turn persecutions into platforms for professing their faith in him. Describe his suggestions and where they are to be used. (Luke 21:13-15)
6. What quality will a follower of Jesus have to develop to survive the oncoming conflicts and destruction? (Luke 21:19)
7. What advice does Jesus give his disciples when the Temple and Jerusalem are surrounded by armies of destruction? (Luke 21:20-22)
8. How do the true "signs" of the coming of the Son of Man (Luke 21:25-28) differ from the false signs or calamities? (Luke 21:9-11)
9. How are believers to respond when they see the Son of Man coming on a cloud? (Luke 21:27-28)
10. How does Jesus advise us to live our earthly lives? (Luke 21:34-36)

***If you would like a challenge?***

11. Jesus predicts conflicts between family members because of him. (Luke 21:16-17) Do these intra-family conflicts still occur today because of Jesus, his teachings, or our faith?