

LUKE 21 vs 5

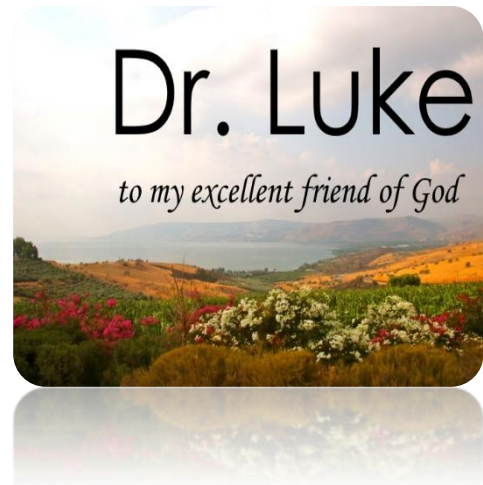
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⁵ **And as some spoke of the temple** / the **hieron**, that place in Jerusalem. Jesus speaks of things of the heart, but all some of the disciples see are bricks and stone. After the gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, this word quickly disappeared, no longer used in the New Testament. And someone says:

how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts / and it was! Construction at the Temple complex would go on for 30 more years, ripping off the people who came with their offerings and be completed in 64AD, just in time for Rome to destroy it.

He said,



⁶ **As for this that you see, the days will come, in which there will not be left one stone upon another here, that will not be thrown down** / all this building construction that has your attention; in that place in Jerusalem where Jesus often taught; and if you think that comment didn't get their attention, think again. Since the 1400s there have been many attempts to reconstruct all that was thrown down.

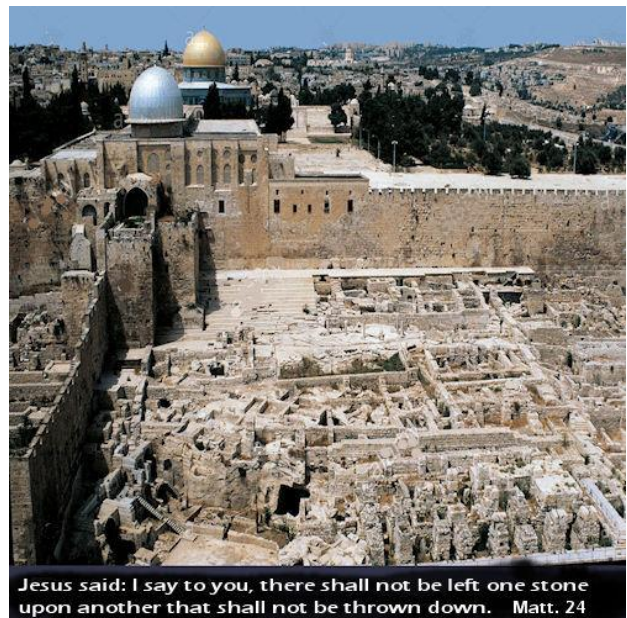
⁷ **And they asked Him, saying,**

[1] Master, but when will this be? / when will the stones be thrown down?

[2] and what sign is when this will come to pass? / will ginomai, will give birth, will happen? Jesus knowing all things including the good, the bad and the ugly:

⁸ **And He said Take heed / be warned, that you are not deceived** / that you all are not misled, or wander off the track, like sheep that go astray. And He steers away from any morbid curiosity; and gives warning to His disciples, His mathetes -- those doing the math... so first we hear some bad news:

for many will come in My name / many will claim they represent Me, **saying, I am** ___ / and fill in the blank...



I am Christ / I am Messiah / I am the Liberator / it was the great reformers... from Waldo and Wycliffe, Jan Hus and Martin Luther... William Tyndale and Ulrich Zwingli... John Calvin, John Knox, and a host of others: they saw this verse fulfilled in the roman confession where their mitred leaders... since the 3rd century claim to be the 'vicar of Christ'... their title supposedly meaning -- after a little mumbo jumbo... the 'substitute for Christ' on earth. Oh really?!

The meaning of **vicarius christi** is: **anti-christ**. Oh really?! Truly the roman leaders may be anti-christ... definitely, the reformers led by the Spirit blew apart their superstitious heresy that they represent Christ.

Jesus says...

many will come in My name, saying / lots of things... including,

I am Christ / I am Messiah / I am the Liberator.

and the time draws near.

Jesus says...

Do not go after them / Don't listen to them; don't follow them.

And in the next 3 verses, Jesus gives the briefest history of the whole world. Remember: Jesus is NOT the author of fear.

9 But when you hear of wars and confusions, do not be terrified / when you hear of instabilities and insurrections and even confusions, do not run away in fear. Paul writes... God is not the author of confusions -- **1 Corinthians 14**... it's the same word: God authors grace and peace.

Jesus says...

for this must first come to pass / the word is: **ginomai**; the birth it must happen.

but the end / **telos**; this definite point of completion, **is not immediate**. Jesus is saying to His disciples 2,000 years ago... just in case they're trying to do the math... it is **not eutheos**... **it is not immediate**. But quite honestly, it's more immediate NOW... than it was back then.

10 Then He said to them, Nation will rise against nation, and Kingdom against kingdom / and we could add: **but the end is not immediate**:

11 And great earthquakes will be; and in diverse places, famines and pestilences / and again, we could add: **but the end is not immediate**;

And there will be fearful sights and great signs from the heavens / phobetron; startling events...

this word is only used here in the Bible. Jesus is talking about: terrifying, frightful astrological happenings. To quote a current cosmologist, astronomers tell us they discover so many things going on in the heavens; even things... that run contrary to our current understanding of the universe. Jesus knows He has adequately startled His listeners... as He's highlighted escalating events that will take place both on the earth and in the universe... prior to the end; prior to His second coming. But pushing that all aside, Jesus now gives us some ugly news... as He provides a more lengthy detail of the Church He is building; showing His greater concern -- **verses 12 through 19.**

12 But before all these they will seize you and persecute you /

but before all these manmade and natural disasters happen, including disturbances among the nations... and fearful and great signs in the heavens... before all that; the disciples of the Lord... including those who believe on Jesus, through their word -- **John 17.** Jesus says to His students being rushed upon and seized. This will not happen to everybody; but it will happen. the word is: **dioko**; it means: being troubled, harassed, and caused to flee; driven away. The followers of Jesus Christ will not be popular.



delivering you up to the synagogues and to prisons /

some will be dragged before religious institutions; some will be delivered up to worship centers... to answer courts and legal proceedings of the pompous inquisitors. Delivered up and imprisoned...happening every day in the world.

some taken before kings and rulers for the sake of My Name / so Jesus is not talking about thugs and criminals; He is talking about ALL those truly representing Him.

13 you will disembark the unsteady boat for an opportunity to give testimony /

to teach the young to do the same in the West. The word is: **marturion**; in English: **martyr** someone willing to risk their life, and suffer persecution and death... representing Jesus. Jesus is talking to those who hear His voice, and who follow Him... who will be abused... and mistreated as a criminal... for their faith. **Testimony does not mean: to jump around and look and sound goofy for Jesus**

Jesus says,

14 settle it in your hearts, not to prepare in advance what you will answer in your defense /

not necessary. This verse has nothing to do with Paul's admonition to Timothy: to study to show yourself approved to God, rightly dividing the word of God. **Jesus is speaking to those** who have done their studies, ready to go... putting their lives on the line for Him; men and women... of whom the world is not worthy; who in the terror of the moment... are beaten, tortured and left for dead for Him.

Jesus knows the history of His people; He knows those who are following Him; His sheep hear His voice. In our trial, in our confusion of the moment; in our trouble.

15 **For I will give you what to say and wisdom, that all your adversaries will not be able to resist... or refute** / so He will be there with you! Paul writes, Christ is the Wisdom of God, He knows what wisdom will be needed in the time of trial.

16 **And you will be betrayed by parents and brothers... by relatives and friends** / this word is: **paradidomi**; it is what happened to Jesus when they delivered Him up to Pilate. the strategy and policy of government is always to control people... it is always to divide people! It is intentional! Jesus says... **even the closest human relations will be destroyed.**

and some of you they will put to death.

17 **And you will be hated of all** peoples and nations,

For the sake of My Name / for representing Me.

18 **But not a hair of your head will perish** / some Bible commentators say by the time the romans came and destroyed Jerusalem, Christians were spared much destruction **having left the city**; not clinging to religious traditions. After Acts, the word **temple** is no longer mentioned in the New Testament.

but not a hair of your head will perish, the word is: **apollumi**; to fully destroy. In these words, we see the love of God... who so loved the world. The next time this word appears is in John 3: that whoever believes in Him will not **perish**... but have everlasting life.

Like a loving Father towering over His child... He can see... **not a hair has been touched**. But you know, for us older ones who sometimes think we're a little bigger than we really are.... we might remember to bow before our Father... so He can check the hair on our heads, too.

19 **So in your faithful endurance** / through your trials of faith and testing, more precious than gold, **you acquire your souls**... prepared for life eternal.