

# LUKE'S GOSPEL

INVESTIGATING THE MAN WHO IS GOD

PREPARING TO DIE

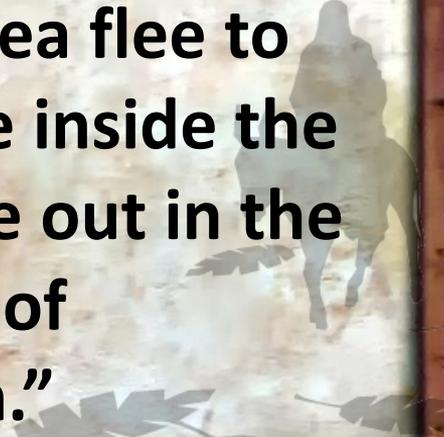


# **Destruction and Return**



## **Luke 21: 20-24 (ESV)**

**“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup> Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, <sup>22</sup> for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.”**



## **Luke 21: 20-24 (ESV)**

**<sup>23</sup> “Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people.”**



## **Luke 21: 20-24 (ESV)**

**24 “They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”**



## **Luke 21: 25-28 (ESV)**

**“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”**

## **Luke 21: 25-28 (ESV)**

**27 “And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.**

**28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”**

A faint, stylized illustration of a person riding a donkey is visible in the background on the right side of the text. The person is wearing a long robe and a hat, and the donkey is walking towards the left. The illustration is rendered in a light, almost ethereal style, blending with the parchment-like background.

# Six implications of the end of the world

- This world is not ultimate.
- The Kingdom of God will not come about through environmental, social, or political activism.
- There is enormous urgency for personal response to Jesus.



## Six implications of the end of the world

- The message of the gospel of Jesus Christ is to be proclaimed and its effects demonstrated.
- Our hopes must be retrained towards the day of Jesus' return.
- It is possible to live, not with a lack of apprehensiveness and pessimism about the future, but a supernatural confidence.



## **Luke 21: 29-36** (ESV)

**And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near.”**



## **Luke 21: 29-36 (ESV)**

**<sup>31</sup> “So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”**

A faint, semi-transparent image of a person riding a donkey is visible in the background on the right side of the text. The person is wearing a long robe and a hat, and the donkey is facing right. The image is overlaid on the parchment-like background of the sign.

## **Luke 21: 29-36 (ESV)**

**34 “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.**

**35 For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.”**



## **Luke 21: 29-36 (ESV)**

**<sup>36</sup> “But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”**



## **1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)**

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**



## **1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)**

**<sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**



## **Luke 21:33** (ESV)

**Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.**

