Kingdom Come: The Last Days According to Jesus
Signs of Christ's Coming
Luke 21:5-28

Luke 21:5 (ESV)
And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, He said,

Luke 21:6 (ESV)
“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

Luke 21:7 (ESV)
And they asked Him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?”

1. A Turbulent Time to Endure

Luke 21:8 (ESV)
And He said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am He! ’and, ‘The time is at hand! ’Do not go after them.

Luke 21:9 (ESV)
And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

Luke 21:10 (ESV)
Then He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

Luke 21:11 (ESV)
There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

Luke 21:12 (ESV)
But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake.

Luke 21:13 (ESV)
This will be your opportunity to bear witness.

Luke 21:14 (ESV)
Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer,

Luke 21:15 (ESV)
for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

Luke 21:16 (ESV)
You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death.

Luke 21:17 (ESV)
You will be hated by all for my name’s sake.

Luke 21:18 (ESV)
But not a hair of your head will perish.

Luke 21:19 (ESV)
By your endurance you will gain your lives.

Matthew 24:13 (ESV)
But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Revelation 14:12 (ESV)
Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

2. A Terrifying Time to Escape

Luke 21:20 (ESV)
“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near.

Luke 21:21 (ESV)
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,

Luke 21:22 (ESV)
for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.

Luke 21:23 (ESV)
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 21:24 (ESV)
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 13:34-35 (ESV)
“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ ”

Hebrews 2:3 (ESV)
How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

3. A Triumphant Time to Expect

Luke 21:25 (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,

Luke 21:26 (ESV)
people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Luke 21:27 (ESV)
And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Luke 21:28 (ESV)
Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Romans 13:11 (ESV)
Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.