

Pastor Roy's Sermon on Luke 21-1-19

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—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—

1. The poor widow gave everything she had to live on, while the wealthy gave out of their abundance — what does your giving reveal about the true condition of your heart and your trust in God as your provider?
2. Jesus chose not to give the disciples a specific date for the Temple's destruction, even though He knew it precisely — what does this tell us about how God intentionally withholds certain knowledge from us, and how should that shape the way we live day to day?
3. The disciples were distracted by the grandeur of the Temple while Jesus was focused on eternal realities — in what ways do the visible and impressive things of this world pull your attention away from what truly matters to God?
4. Jesus warned that many would come in His name claiming to be the Christ or declaring the end is at hand — what spiritual disciplines and habits help you develop the discernment needed to recognize and resist false teachers?
5. The sermon points out that Paul made his greatest evangelistic strides while in Roman custody — how does this challenge your assumptions about the circumstances God can and cannot use to advance His kingdom through your life?
6. Jesus told His followers not to prepare their defense in advance because He would give them the words to speak — what does it look like practically to trust God in moments of confrontation or persecution rather than relying solely on your own preparation?
7. The sermon draws a connection between the rise of certain cultural agendas and an assault on Christian faith — how do you remain both courageous in your convictions and faithful to the call to respond with gentleness and respect as described in 1 Peter 3:15?
8. Jesus said that even family members would betray believers in the last days, yet also promised that not a hair of their heads would perish — how do you hold together the reality of earthly suffering and loss with the absolute security of your eternal standing before God?
9. The sermon emphasizes that deception thrives where discernment is weak — what intentional steps are you taking to strengthen your spiritual discernment so that you are not led astray in an age of widespread false teaching?
10. Both Jesus in Luke 21 and Paul in his epistles call believers to endure to the end — what does endurance look like in your own walk of faith right now, and what threatens to cause you to give up or grow spiritually complacent?