

Scripture Passage: Luke 21: 5-11

Story Point: In today's passage, Jesus and his disciples are in Jerusalem where the temple was located, and the disciples are excited about seeing it. They think the temple is an amazing building! But then, Jesus warns the disciples that the temple is going to be destroyed. He wants his disciples to see that even though the temple is beautiful on the outside, it has become rotten on the inside. The disciples ask about when these things will take place and when Jesus will return, but Jesus does not give a clear response to either of these questions. He goes on to tell about the chaos that will happen: war, famines, invasion of pests, etc. His followers should not think that when these things are happening that his second coming is near - it is simply evidence of the fallen world that we live in. He encourages his disciples not to be terrified by these happenings and to cling to the promises of Jesus.

Discussion Questions:

- What lessons can you learn from the prophecy about the temple's destruction?
- How should we understand and respond to Jesus' teaching about his Second Coming?
- In light of Jesus' words about the future, how can we live faithfully in the present?
- How does the message of this chapter help you in facing the trials and uncertainties of life?
- How can we stay spiritually alert in a world full of distractions and temptations?

