



Luke 21:1-38

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Revelation 1:7

How are we to live as Christians?

1. Trust God, not _____. *Luke 21:3-4*
2. Do not be _____. *Luke 21:9*
3. _____. *Luke 21:13*
4. Endure. *Luke 21:19, 1 Corinthians 10:13*
5. _____. *Luke 21:28, John 14:1-4*
6. Watch out. *Luke 21:34*

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Fear

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Fear could be defined as the "irrational anticipation of harm from possibilities in the future."
We focus on the possibilities while ignoring the probabilities.

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"I am with you, and I am in control."

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Luke 21:1-4 ESV Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ² and He saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³ And He said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

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This woman trusted God so much that she gave everything she had to live on, trusting that God would provide for her.

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Luke 21:5-9 ESV And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, He said, ⁶ "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."⁷ And they asked Him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?"⁸ 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. ⁹ 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.”

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Luke 21:10-19 ESV Then He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² 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. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.

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Your security may be threatened, but God still controls your destiny.

Luke 21:20-24 ESV “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹ 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, ²² for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³ 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. 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.

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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, ²⁶ people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 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.”

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Revelation 1:7 NLT Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven. And everyone will see Him— even those who pierced Him. And all the nations of the world will mourn for Him. Yes! Amen!

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Luke 21:29-33 ESV And He told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

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Luke 21:34-38 NLT “Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, ³⁵ like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone

living on the earth. ³⁶ Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man.” ³⁷ Every day Jesus went to the Temple to teach, and each evening He returned to spend the night on the Mount of Olives. ³⁸ The crowds gathered at the Temple early each morning to hear Him.

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How are we to live as Christians?

1. Trust God, not material wealth.

2. Do not be terrified

3. Tell others, Witness

4. Endure. *Luke 21:19*

1 Corinthians 10:13 ESV No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

5. Raise your head.

John 14:1-4 NIV “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

6. Watch out. *Luke 21:34*

1 Peter 5:8-9 NLT Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

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