



## The Last Week Concludes Luke 21

### Introduction

Most likely, it is late Tuesday afternoon. Jesus' actions in the Temple recorded in this chapter would be His last public appearance there. According to vv. 37-38 of this chapter, Jesus would spend the days in Jerusalem, then retire at night with His disciples to the Mount of Olives near Bethany, outside the city. This is corroborated by Mt. 24:3 & Mk. 13:3 and His discussions re: Jerusalem's destruction.

### The Widow's Gift (21:1-4)

- 1) What was Jesus observing? (v. 1) What else did He see? (v. 2) What was the "literal" value of her contribution?
- 2) Regarding its "real worth," how did Jesus comment on what she gave? (vv. 3-4)
- 3) What was the lesson He intended to teach?

### Jerusalem's Destruction (21:5-36)

[Note: Notice the similarities to Mt. 24, Mk. 13, & Lk. 17]

- 4) What were the disciples observing? (v. 5; cp. Mt. 24:1; Mk. 13:1) What else do we know about the building of the temple over which they marveled? (Jn. 2:20)
- 5) How does Jesus initially respond to the disciples' observations? (v. 6) Who questioned Jesus about what He said? (v. 7; Mk. 13:3)
- 6) What were the first "words of caution" Jesus gave? (vv. 8-9) Thought question: how have untold thousands misunderstood & misapplied these verses?

## The Two Treatises

### Lesson 21

- 7) What does Jesus further explain in vv. 10-11? What would personally happen to the apostles in conjunction with all these events? (vv. 12-13, 16-17) What instructions does Jesus give His disciples? (vv. 14-15, 18-19)
  
- 8) In v. 20, to what prophecies does Jesus refer? (cp. Mt. 24:15; Mk. 13:14) What "practical" instructions does Jesus give for followers to heed when these events begin to happen? (vv. 21-24)
  
- 9) Be able to explain vv. 25-27 in view of the type of judgment Jesus predicts. When such a judgment takes place, what did Jesus tell His disciples? (v. 28)
  
- 10) What short parable does Jesus tell in vv. 29-30? What is its application? (v. 31)
  
- 11) How important is v. 32 in helping Bible students take the correct interpretative view of this entire passage?
  
- 12) If this passage does predict Jerusalem's destruction (*and we believe it does*), of what value is it to us today? Use vv. 34-36 as a guide for your answer.