

Luke Study Lesson 7- Beginning of Holy Week

Ice breaker: When was a time you were so glad to finally be “there”? (after a vacation, a move, child born or coming home, school finished, ...)

1. Page 91 **Hosanna- Please Save Us Now!! People were quoting from : Psalm 118:25-26 Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

Jesus' purpose in riding into Jerusalem was to make public His claim to be their Messiah and King of Israel in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Jesus rides into His capital city as a conquering King and is hailed by the people as such, in the manner of the day. He receives the worship and praise of the people because only He deserves it. No longer does He tell His disciples to be quiet about Him but to shout His praises and worship Him openly. The spreading of cloaks was an act of homage for royalty (see [2 Kings 9:13](#)). Jesus was openly declaring to the people that He was their King and the Messiah they had been waiting for.

But when He failed in their expectations, when He refused to lead them in a massive revolt against the Roman occupiers, the crowds quickly turned on Him. Within just a few days, their hosannas would change to cries of “Crucify Him!” Those who hailed Him as a hero would soon reject and abandon Him. MacArthur

*The disciples did not get the Zechariah 9:9 reference (or much of anything) until afterwards... see [John 12:16](#)

Page 92: more discussion later on the destruction of the temple

But how do we now enter the presence of God? Adam and Eve had intimate fellowship in the presence of God before the fall. Since that time, sin has prevented our ability to be in the physical presence of God. Now only the holy, sinless angels are in the physical presence of God. But Christians have the presence of God within us by virtue of His indwelling Holy Spirit ([John 14:23](#); [15:4](#)), and that indwelling presence comes only through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Packer <https://www.gotquestions.org/presence-of-God.html>

Cleansing temple- This was the second time Jesus did this (John 2:14-16) Jesus quoted Isaiah 56:7

Let's keep the map on page 93 available for reference for the rest of the lessons

2. Page 94 Psalm 118 is a wonderful Psalm!! The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone²³ This is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful to see.²⁴ This is the day the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.²⁵ Please, Lord, please save us. Please, Lord, please give us success.²⁶ Bless the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord.²⁷ The Lord is God, shining upon us. Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar. ²⁸You are my God, and I will praise you! You are my God, and I will exalt you!²⁹ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

How many Temples were there? The crowning achievement of King Solomon's reign was the erection of a magnificent temple in Jerusalem, often called Solomon's temple or the first temple. Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord had appeared to his father David ([2 Chronicles 3:1](#)). This new, stationary temple would replace the portable tabernacle constructed during the wilderness wandering. If Solomon reigned from 970 to 930 BC, then he began building the temple in **966 BC**. Until the first temple was destroyed by the Babylonians some four hundred years later, in **586 BC**, sacrifice was the predominant mode of divine service there. Seventy years later, a second temple was completed on the same site, and sacrifices again resumed. The [book of Ezra](#) chronicles the building of the second temple. **During the first century**, Herod greatly enlarged and expanded this temple, which became known as Herod's temple. It was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70, during the siege of Jerusalem. Only a small portion of the retaining wall remains to this day, known as “The Wailing Wall.” <https://www.gotquestions.org/Solomon-first-temple.html>

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Luke had two verses to expose the scribes...but see what Matthew says Jesus said to them.

Matthew 23:10-36 “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you cross land and sea to make one convert, and then you turn that person into twice the child of hell you yourselves are!”¹⁶ “Blind guides! What sorrow awaits you”²⁷ Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people’s bones and all sorts of impurity.²⁸ Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.²⁹ “What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you”³³ Snakes! Sons of vipers! How will you escape the judgment of hell? **Jesus did not hold back here!!**

4. Page 95-96

Widow’s Mite: John MacArthur shares a very interesting interpretation on this passage. Most preachers interpret this passage on giving sacrificially. However, MacArthur says very differently- Should we encourage people to give all, especially to what at this point was now a false “gospel” or religion. Should we ask a widow to give all? HMMM <https://cdn.gty.org/podcast/20210526.mp3?x-source=radiopodcast>

Page 96 RC Sproul sermon on Luke 21:10-12 Destruction of the Temple

<https://www.sermonaudio.com/saplayer/playpopup.asp?SID=314171329429>

Luke 21:5-24- Destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem

Roman occupation of Israel had been in place for over a generation, and most people living at the time of Christ would have never known a time when Israel was not occupied. Many Jews lived in the expectation that God’s Messiah would soon come to deliver them from the political and cultural bondage imposed by Rome. But, when Jesus the Messiah came, He made it clear that His kingdom was “not of this world” ([John 18:36](#)). After His “Triumphal Entry” instead of ridding Jerusalem of the Romans, Jesus cleanses the temple teaches that the kingdom will be taken away from Israel and given, at least in part, to the Gentiles (verses 33—22:14); tells His followers to pay taxes to Caesar condemns the Jewish leaders and predicts that the temple will be destroyed. He was not going to be the type of Messiah that so many expected, and they rejected Him. The rejection of Christ left the door open for other would-be messiahs to try to save Israel from Rome, and in less than 40 years after Jesus ascended into heaven, an Israelite rebellion against Rome had been crushed and **the temple had been destroyed**...about AD 66—73 and is also known as the Great Jewish Revolt. About halfway through the conflict, the temple in Jerusalem was completely destroyed, and the Jews in Jerusalem were slaughtered. It was a time of unprecedented suffering. <https://www.gotquestions.org/Roman-Jewish-Wars.html>

Page 97 Oh my....so much that we could talk about here...but details of end times is not the “main thing” (Begg :) for this lesson.

When will end times happen? Matthew 24: ³⁶ “However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.

How will Jesus Return

Acts 1:⁹ After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. ¹⁰ As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

****Question on bottom of 97 and page 98 How are we to Keep Alert??? How will we encourage each other-especially when they are not “keeping alert”? What does it mean to persevere until the end?** Phil 1:6, Phil 2:13-God is in you..., Luke 20:18-19-promise of God,

<https://www.gotquestions.org/endures-to-the-end-saved.html> this is really good!!

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NLT ²³ Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. ²⁴ **God will make this happen, for HE who CALLS you is faithful. We are not to be fearful**

Perhaps the section last time on how to increase our faith will be helpful

How do we get more faith? First---REMEMBER what God has done and how He has led you throughout your life, be grateful-full of thanksgiving, ask for it, wait for it, not rush ahead of God’s timing, rest in Him, stop fussing and being

agitated about our situation, be obedient to what we know (prayer, time in the Word, being a part of the body-church-tithe, caring for each other, giving others (poor) , come before the Lord and ask for forgiveness for our known and unknown sins, look at our life-style and habits and repent, who do we need to forgive and/or ask for forgiveness, what/who are we praying for, see suffering and trials as God working in our lives to sanctify us and realize that all things work together for good, love as God loves.

(1 John, Matt 16:24, James 1:27, 1 Thess 5:6-8, John 15:4,8, John 14:, Romans 8:28, James 1:2-4, Isaiah 40:31, Mark 11:24-25, Hebrews 10:35, Prov 19:17, 1 John 5:3, Matthew 6:7-13, Romans 14:8, Phil 4:8-9, 1 Cor 13)