

Global Missions  
Week:

Building God's  
Kingdom While  
Other Kingdoms Fall

Luke 21:5-19

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- "The history on which I am entering is that of a period rich in disasters, terrible with battles, torn by civil struggles, horrible even in peace. Four emperors fell by the sword; there were three civil wars, more foreign wars, and often at the same time... Italy was distressed by disasters unknown before or returning after the laps of the ages... Beside the manifold misfortunes that befell mankind there were prodigies in the sky and on the earth, warnings given by thunderbolts, and prophecies of the future, both joyful and gloomy, uncertain and clear. (Hist.1.2.3)"
- –Tacitus, AD 60

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The mission of the  
church always  
happens  
in the midst of the  
madness of the  
world.

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Luke 21:5-9

1. Do not Fear: The madness of the world will not bring the end of human history.  
King Jesus will.

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Luke 21:9

“And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must take place, but the end will not be at once.”

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King Jesus will bring this season of human history to its divinely intended conclusion when His global kingdom mission is accomplished.

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“Fear arises when we think that everything depends upon us.”

Elizabeth Elliott

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How do you fight mission-killing fears?

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1. Remember Jesus is already installed as King over the nations. (Luke 20:42-43)

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2. Remember the Kingdom you have entered is unshakeable. (Hebrews 12:22-24)

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3. Remember He shakes the earth to shake us awake. (Hebrews 12:25-27)

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4. Rejoice with Trembling. You are safe in Jesus. (Hebrews 12:28)

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“My heart rose up to the Lord Jesus; I saw Him watching all the scene. My peace came back to me like a wave from God. I realized that I was immortal till my Master’s work with me was done.”

John Paton

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2. Decide to stand up for Christ no matter how challenging the situation.

Luke 21:10-15

We show up for Jesus because Jesus said that He would show up for us.

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“This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand on how to answer, for I will give you a mouth of wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.”

Luke 21:13-15

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Global missions sees global chaos as a unique opportunity to experience Christ at work in and through your life.

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“From his position at the Father’s right hand in glory he will, through His Spirit, impart to his dear ones the ability to say the right thing at the right time.”

- William Hendriksen

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Exodus 4:10-12

“But Moses said to the Lord, ‘Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.’ Then the Lord said to him, ‘Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall speak.’”

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1 Peter 3:14-15

“If you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, *always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.*”

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Acts 4:8-12 “Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead – by him this man is standing before you well.’”

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Philippians 1:12-14 “I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment are much more bold to speak the word without fear.”

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Expect Jesus to show up in hard places with the grace that you need at those times for doing what He calls us to do and for saying what He would have to say.

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"Our mindset should not be the prevalent one of taking God with us wherever we might go. Instead, our mindset should be that we join God in *His* mission."

- Alan Hirsch

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3. Hang in there.

Endurance in missions in hard times and in hard places will have a saving effect upon your own soul.

Luke 21:16-19

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Luke 21:16-19

“You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.”

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- When you wait for the Lord, you're placing your safety in the hands of One whose power is immeasurable.
- When you wait for the Lord, you're getting your comfort from One whose love is boundless.
- When you wait for the Lord, you can be secure in the reality that he rules over all things.
- When you wait for the Lord, you can live with confidence because you know that every one of his promises is true.
- When you wait for the Lord, you can be hopeful even in weakness because you know that his grace is sufficient.

– Paul David Tripp

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1 Peter 1:9

“obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

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Romans 5:3-5

“More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

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