# Ready for the End: Jesus' Teachings on the Last Days



Explore Jesus' words on the end times in Luke 21:5—36 to deepen readiness, perseverance, and hope for what's ahead.





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#### Introduction

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus offers profound teachings about life, faith, and the future. Among these, His discourse on the end times found in *Luke 21:5—36* stands out as both a warning and encouragement to His followers. This passage captures Jesus' answers about the destruction of the temple, the signs preceding the end of the age, and the importance of spiritual vigilance.

Why focus on readiness? Jesus lived in a time filled with uncertainties and threats, much like today. His call to be watchful transcends time, urging us to develop perseverance in trials, to recognize the signs of the times without fear, and to hold fast to hope. As we walk through this 7-day study, you'll gain insight into how to stay spiritually prepared, grounded in truth and love.

How can Jesus' teachings inspire perseverance? When Jesus speaks of tribulations and cosmic disturbances, He does so not to incite panic but to prepare believers for endurance. Through reflective Scripture study, we discover that perseverance is born from hope — hope grounded in God's promises and Jesus' ultimate victory.

**Prepare your heart and mind** as you journey through this study. Each day includes Scripture, devotionals, reflective questions, and prayer prompts designed to draw you closer to understanding how Jesus' words about the end times shape how you live today. Dive deep, ask hard questions, and find renewed confidence that God is at work — even in the unknown.















#### Your Verse

Luke 21:5-11 - 'Jesus said, "There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven."'

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 24:6 'You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed.'
- Mark 13:7 'When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed.'







#### Devotional: Understanding the Beginning of End Times

**Jesus begins His teaching** on the end times by describing various signs that will unfold — natural disasters, social upheaval, and threats. These signs are meant to alert believers but not to cause despair or panic.

In Luke 21:5–11, Jesus highlights that these events are just the beginning of the birth pangs signaling a coming new reality. Understanding this helps us not to fear but to be discerning. Throughout history, many have witnessed wars, famines, and chaos, yet God remains sovereign.

What does this mean for us today? We live in an age where much of this turmoil is visible every day. Jesus' words call us to maintain calm awareness and trust in His control. Our hope is anchored not in avoiding hardship but in enduring faithfully through it all.







## Reflect and Apply

How do the signs Jesus describes resonate with what you see in today's world?
What fears or anxieties do these signs provoke in you, and how can you bring them to God?
In what ways can you cultivate calm awareness rather than panic amid uncertainty?







## **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a recent event that made you think about Jesus' signs of the end times.
	Describe your initial reaction when you hear of the turmoil mentioned in these verses.
3.	Journal prayers asking God to help you trust Him amidst world troubles.







#### Prayer for Today

**Father,** thank You for reminding me through Jesus that You are in control even when chaos surrounds me. Help me to stay calm and to watch carefully for Your guidance. Strengthen my heart to trust Your sovereignty and to be ready for whatever comes. Teach me to be a light of hope to those around me. *Amen.*  $\bigwedge$   $\bigcirc$   $\heartsuit$ 







## Day 2: The Destruction of the Temple









Day 2: 🍑 The Destruction of the Temple

#### Your Verse

Luke 21:20-24 - 'When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, you will know its desolation is near.'

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 24:15 'When you see the abomination that causes desolation...then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.'
- Daniel 9:26 'The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary.'







Day 2: 🍑 The Destruction of the Temple

#### Devotional: Faith Beyond Physical Places

Jesus specifically mentions the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple as a key sign. This prophecy was fulfilled in AD 70 but also carries spiritual meaning about judgment and separation from God. It was a sobering warning, showing that external religious structures cannot guarantee security.

For believers today, the lesson is clear: our security must rest on a living relationship with Christ, not on physical places or traditions. The "surrounding of Jerusalem" symbolizes times when faith is threatened, and believers face persecution or hardship.

The challenge is to respond faithfully, fleeing from spiritual complacency and remaining steadfast. Jesus calls for endurance through trials and warns that many will stumble, but those who hold firm will be saved.







Day 2: 💔 The Destruction of the Temple

## Reflect and Apply

	How do you relate to the images of Jerusalem's destruction in your own spiritual life?
2.	Are there areas where you rely on external things more than on your
	relationship with Jesus?
	How does this passage challenge you to persevere when your faith is tested?







Day 2: 💔 The Destruction of the Temple

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time your faith was challenged during hard circumstances.
2.	Describe what it means to you to have faith that is not dependent on physical surroundings.
3.	Pray through your fears about spiritual trials and ask God to strengthen your endurance.







Day 2: 🎔 The Destruction of the Temple

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** help me to place my trust fully in You—not in places, traditions, or human protections. Teach me to stand firm even when my surroundings crumble and to endure trials with faith. May my heart remain steadfast, anchored in Your love and promises. *Amen.*  $\bigwedge$   $\bigcirc$ 







# Day 3: 🛜 Perils and Persecutions Ahead









Day 3: 💡 Perils and Persecutions Ahead

#### Your Verse

Luke 21:12–19 – 'You will be betrayed and put to death, but not a hair of your head will perish.'

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 16:33 'In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.'
- 2 Timothy 3:12 'Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.'







Day 3: 💡 Perils and Persecutions Ahead

#### Devotional: Stand Firm in Persecution

Jesus openly prepares His followers for persecution, betrayal, and hardship. Yet, He assures them of divine protection at the deepest level. The assurance that "not a hair of your head will perish" speaks to God's sovereign care, even in suffering.

Persecution tests the heart and calls believers to deepen their faith and witness. Jesus reminds us that perseverance is vital — this perseverance is empowered by the Holy Spirit through our trials.

Today, many believers around the world face persecution. Jesus' words encourage us to stand firm and to trust God's ultimate plan, knowing that our present sufferings are temporary and purposeful in shaping faith.







Day 3:  $\S$  Perils and Persecutions Ahead

## Reflect and Apply

	How do these words from Jesus affect your understanding of trials in your life?
2.	In what ways can you support or pray for those facing persecution today?
3.	What does it mean for you to be 'enduring to the end' in your faith?







Day 3: 🛜 Perils and Persecutions Ahead

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on a time when your faith was challenged by opposition.
2.	Write a prayer asking for courage and the Holy Spirit's power to persevere.
3.	Consider how you might encourage others facing hardship for their faith.







Day 3: Sperils and Persecutions Ahead

#### Prayer for Today

**God of strength,** I pray for courage to stand firm when difficulties and persecution come my way. May Your Spirit empower me to persevere with hope, trusting that You hold me securely. Teach me to be faithful witnesses even when it costs me. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*  $\bigwedge$ 















#### Your Verse

Luke 21:25-28 - 'There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On earth, nations will be in anguish... Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud.'

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Revelation 6:12 'The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red.'
- Isaiah 13:10 'The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light.'







#### Devotional: Hope Amid Heavenly Signs

Jesus describes dramatic cosmic events that will precede His return. These unsettling signs in the heavens symbolize God's judgment and the breaking in of His kingdom in fullness.

While such images may evoke fear or confusion, Jesus frames them as harbingers of hope. The coming of the Son of Man in a cloud signals restoration and redemption.

For believers, these signs remind us to stay alert and firm in hope, looking beyond present troubles to the fulfillment of God's promises. Our confidence lies in the certainty of Christ's return, which will bring justice and renewal.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	What emotions do the cosmic signs and Jesus' coming stir in you?
2.	How does the promise of Christ's return affect your daily living?
3.	In what ways can this hope help you face uncertainties with peace?







## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about your thoughts on the return of Christ as described here.
2.	Describe how you can live in hopeful anticipation every day.
3.	Pray asking God to increase your confidence in His promises.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for giving us hope through Your promised return. Help me to remain watchful and steadfast as I await Your coming. May Your hope inspire me to live faithfully and share Your love with others eagerly. *Come quickly, Lord!* Amen.  $\bigwedge$ 

















Day 5: 

The Call to Watchfulness

#### Your Verse

Luke 21:34–36 – 'Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing...Watch ye therefore, and pray always.'

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 25:13 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.'
- 1 Peter 5:8 'Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion.'







Day 5: 

The Call to Watchfulness

#### Devotional: Living Watchfully and Prayerfully

Jesus calls His followers to be watchful and prayerful, emphasizing the danger of spiritual complacency. The distractions of life—pleasures, anxieties, and desires—can dull our alertness to God's movements.

**Watchfulness** means living with intentionality, awareness, and dependence on God through constant prayer. This vigilance sustains believers when trials come and helps us respond faithfully to God's timing.

*Praying always* aligns our hearts with God's will, keeps our spirits strong, and guards us from temptation. It's a posture of readiness and dependence, rooted in humility and faith.







Day 5: 🕰 The Call to Watchfulness

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you currently practice spiritual watchfulness in your life?
2.	What distractions make it difficult for you to stay alert in faith?
3.	How can regular prayer help guard your heart and mind?







Day 5: 🕰 The Call to Watchfulness

## **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List ways you can increase your spiritual alertness daily.
2.	Write a prayer committing to watch and pray more intentionally.
3.	Reflect on moments when prayer helped you resist complacency.







Day 5: 

The Call to Watchfulness

#### Prayer for Today

**Heavenly Father,** help me to stay alert and watchful, avoiding distractions that weigh down my heart. Teach me to pray continually, depending on You for strength and wisdom. Guard my soul from complacency and keep me faithful until You return. *Amen.*







## Day 6: Z Encouragement to Persevere









Day 6: 
☐ Encouragement to Persevere

#### Your Verse

Luke 21:19 - 'Stand firm, and you will win life.'

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- James 1:12 'Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life.'
- Romans 5:3-4 'Suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.'







Day 6: 
☐ Encouragement to Persevere

#### Devotional: Winning Life Through Perseverance

Amid warnings of hardship, Jesus offers an encouraging promise: perseverance leads to winning life. This eternal perspective shifts our focus from temporary suffering to ultimate victory.

**Perseverance** is not passive but active — a determined commitment to trust God through trials, growing in faith and character. The process shapes believers, developing hope that is unshakable.

Knowing the reward awaits gives strength to endure. Jesus' own example of steadfastness inspires us to keep going, even when it's difficult.







Day 6: ∑ Encouragement to Persevere

## Reflect and Apply

1.	What helps you stand firm during difficult seasons?
2.	How can you remind yourself of the reward promised by Jesus?
3.	In what ways has perseverance shaped your character and hope?







Day 6: ∑ Encouragement to Persevere

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a challenge that taught you perseverance.
2.	Describe how hope sustained you in that situation.
3.	Pray for strength to stand firm in current struggles.







Day 6: 

∑ Encouragement to Persevere

#### Prayer for Today

**Lord,** I thank You for the promise of life to those who persevere. Strengthen my heart to remain firm despite trials. Let my faith grow through challenges and my hope be renewed daily. Help me to fix my eyes on You, the author and finisher of my faith. *In Jesus' name, Amen.*  $\bigwedge$ 

















Day 7: 🗱 Hope for the Future

#### Your Verse

Luke 21:28 – 'When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Romans 8:23 'We wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.'
- Titus 2:13 'While we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.'







Day 7: 🗱 Hope for the Future

#### Devotional: Living in Hope of Redemption

Jesus concludes His teaching with a powerful encouragement: believers should lift their heads and face the future with hope. The promise of redemption is near, assuring that struggles and uncertainty are temporary.

**This hope** is transformative. It changes how we view present difficulties, offering peace and purpose. It calls us to live confidently, preparing not just for the end times but for eternal life with God.

As we close this study, remember that Jesus' words are an invitation to hope, readiness, and joy — even in the face of unknown tomorrows. Let your heart be encouraged and your faith renewed.







Day 7: 🎇 Hope for the Future

## Reflect and Apply

	How does knowing redemption is near impact your attitude toward current struggles?
2.	What does lifting up your head look like in your daily walk with God?
3.	How can this hope influence the way you prepare for Jesus' return?







Day 7: 🎇 Hope for the Future

#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on the meaning of redemption for your life.
2.	Write about ways you can 'lift up your head' in hope each day.
3.	Pray for renewed joy and faith as you await Jesus' coming.







Day 7: 🗱 Hope for the Future

#### Prayer for Today

**Gracious God,** thank You for the hope of redemption that draws near. Help me to lift my head with confidence, trusting Your promises and looking forward to eternal life. Renew my joy and faith as I prepare my heart for Your coming. May Your hope fill me with peace. *Amen.*  $\bigwedge$ 







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