

## 42-Luke-Pt25-Transcript

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welcome back to Wednesday night Bible study and as you could see in the opening clip there sometimes it's a real struggle to stay awake and despite a valiant effort by that soul she succumbed in the end and unfortunately many of God's people are going to succumb to sleep despite the fact that Jesus Christ warns us to stay awake and be ever vigilant and we're gonna see that warning in Luke chapter 21 as Christ shifts that the tone of his ministry and now begins to share some very dire prophecies regarding the end of the age so let's get right into the study we'll open with the word of Prayer Heavenly Father we come before you a humbled father humbled because we value your word and we live in a world that is just increasingly going wild and becoming more and more insane and just crazy and despises your word and we could easily be among these people father but by your mercy we value Jesus Christ and we value his word and we pray father that you'll be with us this evening as we study this chapter most of it being in red letters meaning is the direct word of Jesus Christ we pray God that we will take heed to the warning that he gave to his disciples and by extension to us we thank you Father we ask this in Jesus Holy Name Amen so this chapter as I mentioned it's really about wakefulness and Christ telling us what to expect and what to look out for now when we left Luke chapter 20 what we saw there we'll just you know the very the

very end of Luke chapter 20 in fact if we just go back to the top here he ends chapter 20 warning the disciples to beware of the scribes and Pharisees who desire to go about in long robes love greetings in the marketplaces the best seats in the synagogues and the best places at feasts who devour widows houses and for a pretence make long prayers these will receive the greater condemnation and Jesus Christ was really making it clear to his disciples that these men that we have been looking up to as religious leaders as people who really understand the law and we go to them for the law Christ has made it very very clear and to me as we've gone through this study together it's so much clearer to me that these men are evil evil men despite the religious trappings they are very evil men in fact they are sons of the devil Christ says to them you are of your father the devil and the lusts of your father you will do so there's this real contrast between Christ's ministry and the Ministry of these hypocrites these very evil men and so he warns his disciples to beware of of this hypocrisy of the scribes in the Pharisees and in fact Luke ends chapter 20 showing how they have enriched themselves by devouring widows houses and many we come into Luke chapter 21 with that on on the heels of understanding that these people are are so evil they will even enrich themselves at the expense of widows and then we come into chapter 21 saying that Christ looked up as he was teaching he looked up and he saw the rich putting their gifts into the Treasury but he also saw a certain poor Widow putting in two mites so really nothing nothing - he's like why even bother but this is what

she had in fact Christ goes on to say this is all she had so he said truly I say to you that this poor Widow this poor widow has put in more then all it and the implication here is that when you combine everything that all the rest have put in together everything combined is less than what this poor Widow put in why for all these out of their abundance of putting offerings for God so it really wasn't that much to them it's more of a show they're not gonna be hurt by it in fact this might even further enrich them because as they are putting in this this money in the Treasury that others are watching and others may think you know wow this is a really righteous person and then they'll get to occupy greater and greater offices and have opportunity to be in front of the right people and so it's just a you know the theater it's it's religious theater and that they're engaged in and as a result of engaging in this theater they get invited into the right places and there they just elevate themselves in society so it's it's more of an investment that they're going to get an earthly return as opposed to truly giving of the heart as this widow did and so Christ says that she has given more than all and then he goes on to say here that so they've put in out of their abundance have put in offerings for God but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had and we'll remember that the the often Christ was asking people to give charitably to look after the poor and in fact you know the rich who wanted to follow him he said you know give away everything and then be my disciple and they couldn't do that but this poor Widow she absolutely

trusted God and she did it and so if we remember in Luke 18 with the rich man when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful he just couldn't part with his riches he said how hard it is for those who have riches to enter in the kingdom of God it didn't say it's impossible it's just so difficult because they get distracted they get consumed with their wealth they get caught up with it so he said to them assuredly without doubt I say to you there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children for the sake of the kingdom of God who shall not receive many times more in this present time and in the age to come eternal life so that takes trust that takes really trusting in Jesus Christ and it's clearly this Widow she had heard Christ's teachings and she was fully invested and Christ observed that and contrasted her offering with everybody else's especially those who were wealthy who were just giving out of the abundance of their heart or the abundance of their wealth continuing in Luke 21 then as some spoke of the temple so there in the temple there they're receiving the offerings Christ is teaching in the temple and then as some spoke of the temple how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations so you know they're looking at the donations Christ who spoke of these donations and then the people started to talk about the temple and this temple was a temple that was reconstructed by Herod and no expense was spared and so they're looking at this beautiful temple and they're telling Christ how beautiful the temple is he said these things which you see he wants them to understand with lead coming up to Luke 20 coming up to the 21

right up to the twenty we've just  
witnessed this incredible conflict  
between Jesus Christ and the scribes and  
the Pharisees the religious leaders this  
incredible conflict  
these men are incredibly evil and that's  
what we've been witnessing and now  
they're the disciples are still caught  
up in that they're still caught up in  
the the temple system the temple cult  
that these people who are running the  
system and just how beautiful this  
temple is and it's it's like Christ is  
saying didn't you get it haven't you  
understood how evil these people are and  
the conflict that I'm  
I've been having with them and the fact  
that they're going to destroy me right  
here in Jerusalem and just to ensure  
that they understand that there is a  
conflict between these religious people  
and the Son of God he goes on and he  
says these things which you see that  
you're taking pride in and you're just  
so proud of this the days will come in  
which not one stone shall be left upon  
another that shall not be thrown down  
this this this structure seems so  
permanent  
it seems so permanent everlasting like  
wow this is the temple and this is the  
temple of God this is where God dwells  
and this must have been absolutely  
horrifying for them to hear that it's  
going to be razed to the ground it's  
going to be complete rubble and now this  
we need to understand in the context of  
going all the way back to Luke 4 when  
Christ quoted his as desta launched his  
ministry he quoted Isaiah 61 the Spirit  
of the Lord God is upon me because the  
Lord has anointed me to preach good  
tidings to the poor so in Luke 3 we saw  
the Holy Spirit come down upon Christ

and then in Luke 4 after conquering the devil he begins his ministry and he contextualized his ministry with and he searched the scripture specifically to find the prophecy of Isaiah that he's been anointed to preach good tidings to the poor he saw that poor Widow he had good news for her he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted when we saw these miracles that he was manifesting to proclaim Liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to those who are bound to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and then he closed the book he closed the scroll and perhaps began to teach and continue to teach but he interrupted the prophecy he didn't finish the verse right in the middle of the verse he stopped

well now we're seeing the back half of the verse being fulfilled he also came came to proclaim the day of vengeance of our God to comfort all who mourn so there are evil people who are persecuting and oppressing the people of God and Christ has come to announce the good news of the kingdom of God and part of that announcement was this precursor where he was demonstrating giving them a taste of the powers of the kingdom of God what is coming in the near future but now in Luke 21 there's this pivot and he begins to fulfill the back half of Isaiah 61 and verse 2 and that is to proclaim the day of vengeance and so that's what we're gonna see now that God is God is the one who is going to take revenge

so this shocking proclamation that did that there was not going to be one stone left upon another they asked him saying rabbi but when will these things be this was astonishing when will this take place and what sign will there be when

these things are about to take place  
those though Christ was as serious as a  
heart attack so to speak and they  
realized he was serious maybe the  
expression on his face they maybe he'd  
be anger with which he said it and they  
and the conviction with which he said it  
they knew this really is gonna happen  
but when when will these things be and  
now he begins to answer and notice the  
very first thing that he says as he  
begins to answer is take heed that you  
not be deceived so deception is going to  
be the order of the day you know when we  
look at when we compare this with  
Revelation the book of Revelation we see  
that the first horse of the four  
horsemen is the white horse the horse of  
deception and the way deception works it  
has to be a white horse because he's  
imitating Christ the way deception works  
deception doesn't work if I just come  
with an outright lie and we see that  
when we go all the way back to Genesis 3  
in the Garden of Eden and how serpent  
the serpent presented himself and it's  
how the tree is the tree of the null  
good and evil it's a combination of good  
and evil it's it's how we use good to do  
evil and this is what we have to  
understand about deception that  
deception is not going to come out us as  
an outright lie because then we'll spot  
it it's gonna come as a lie  
disguised by truth it's gonna have a  
half truth it's gonna have a bit of  
truth but we have to have the ability  
not to be deceived so he says take heed  
that you are not deceived why because  
many will come in my name saying I am  
Christ and so what we see here despite  
the evolutionists and the atheists  
Christ is telling us that the end time  
will be defined by religion and that

Christ will be a focal point in the end time so these atheists their voice is going to be cut off either they themselves will be destroyed or they'll be silenced and overwhelmed and the volume is going to turn up on those who speak religiously so we're going to move into a time where it is the religious those who claim to speak for God who will have the highest volume and and they're gonna come acknowledging Christ and saying that Christ is Christ Christ is the Messiah and they're also gonna say that the time has drawn near so this is the very first thing that Christ wants us to understand is that deceivers are gonna come in the name of Christ reinforcing the position of Christ and and warning us that the end is near so we're gonna be seeing things that are gonna be we're gonna be convinced the end is near and this is gonna be their message Christ is the Messiah and now is the end therefore this is what he says to us did not be to see do not go after them so interesting message very interesting that you're acknowledging Christ and very interesting that you're acknowledging that the end of the world has come but we're not following you because you're a deceiver and we can see through you and the reason we can see through you is Christ has given us that ability to see what's behind the truth that you're speaking and we can spot the lies so now this is what he says so they're gonna say to us the time is now it's it's the end so this is the deception Christ is Christ and it's the end time we're gonna see through them with this message why because Christ has warned us what to look out for instead he says when you



hear of wars and commotions do not be terrified so so not only is it going to be a time of religion it's going to be a time of hostility it's going to be a time of combat it's going to be a time of warfare it's going to be a time of terror so we are heading into a time we're already in a time of terror it's gonna get worse and what Christ is saying is don't be terrified he's telling us all this ahead of time so that we can keep our wits about us we can remain calm so when we hear of these wars and commotions do not be terrified why for these things must come to pass first but the end will not come immediately so this is the difference the true teachers of God will be pointing these things out to us they'll be pointing out the deceptions to us they'll be reinforcing the fact that Christ is the Messiah they'll be exposing the lies that we telling us this is the end time but they understand that it's not the time of Christ's return and this is where many of the saints are going to lose patience Christ says when he returns will he find faith on the earth because the world has gone haywire there is so much slaughter so much about evil that surely Christ will come now and the answer is no not yet not yet we must endure long gory must exercise more patience so he says the end will not come immediately and this is the deception anybody who's telling us the end is now is a deceiver what we need to be hearing from true teachers is remain patient endure to the end don't lose hope so he goes on he says then he said to them nation will arise against nation and Kingdom against Kingdom so so something is happening and

what we should understand from this is this goes all the way back to Genesis 10 and 11 when Nimrod arose with this ambition to conquer the whole world and bring the whole world under subjection to him and they began to do this at Babel in what we call today Babylon and chronicled God had to interrupt them and he separated them by language so they then spread out and started their own civilizations all with the same project in mind all with this incredible idea that they can subdue humanity and so where we are today fast forward to today and we're going to have different agenda the same agenda through different geographies different peoples who are trying to carry this out but that the name of the game is world global domination and so we have global elites today working to carry out the nimrod agenda all the way back from Genesis 11 and now what we're seeing here in Luke 21 is the playing out of these different civilizations with the Nimrod agenda seeing an opportunity for global domination and going after it and so nation is against nation to see which one will prevail what form of globalism will succeed and so nation it will rise against nation and Kingdom against Kingdom as they pursue global domination and there will be great earthquakes in various places and famines and pestilences and all this migration we see people moving in millions into different lands you know they're gonna bring that they're gonna bring disease with them and people are not ready for this and it's gonna overwhelm the healthcare systems and so they're gonna be famines and pestilences and famines are often a result of war and there will be fearful sights

and great signs from heaven so this is what we have to understand this is how the end time will be defined now mark mathew 24 covers this and mark 13 covers it as well Luke would have written read what Mark wrote and Mark wrote that nation will rise against nation and Kingdom against Kingdom and there will be earthquakes in various places and there will be famines and troubles these are the beginning of Sorrows so so mark wants to underline that not only is it Kingdom against Kingdom but within a kingdom there's going to be trouble and so we can expect him as we are seeing today civil unrest everybody is protesting there's there's all kinds of legitimate causes to fight for and and these are the troubles so there's civil unrest within nations and nations are up against nations and it's just unrest everywhere and all of this is just the beginning and this is where people cannot lose heart and if we say oh Christ is gonna return now and then he doesn't this is where brethren will become discouraged and so we have to steel ourselves almost become stoic where all of this madness is going to be happening all around us and we're going to remain patient no matter what we know the kingdom of God is inevitable it is inevitable the die was cast thousands of years ago from the very beginning the lamb was slain and in two thousand years ago he was actually slain and he conquered the devil and so the kingdom of God cannot be interrupted it cannot be stopped it's coming and whatever happens to us is irrelevant because what really matters is the kingdom of God and because that's where we plant our hope or we have eternal life and this is what we hope for and so no matter what

happens in this day and age we will not be discouraged we will not lose heart we will not take our eyes off Jesus Christ now he says in Luke 17 remember Christ actually warned the disciples as it was in the days of Noah so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man well what was it like in the time of Noah in Genesis 6 we read that the earth was corrupt before God so we can expect now as we unfold these few remaining years decades once a centuries as years and decades as these years and decades unfold ahead of us we are going to see more and more evil evil men will wax worse and worse we're going to see perverse ideologies taking over the whole earth Christ also said that as it wasn't a time of lot so shall it be in the days in in the days of the Son of Man and so this is what we can expect so what was it so we obviously we all understand Sodom and Gomorrah so we can expect to see that kind of perversity and railing against marriage which I might add by the way very important for us to realize that one of the keys to deception to being clear on deception is understanding marriage understanding the Christian marriage and so the free offer this week two free offers one is Christian principles of parenting and the other is the sacred meaning of marriage that's a sermon by Bill Watson we need to understand the Christian family and so if you just go to CGI org right on the home page you'll see Christian principles of parenting and even if you're not a parent we need to understand the family we need to understand marriage we need to understand child rearing we need to keep our head on our shoulders this is what

Satan is attacking and much of the deception is going to be around attacking the Christian family and so the free offer this week Christian principles of parenting really understanding how a family stays together how a family is healthy what are the principles and the sacred meaning of marriage when we understand the sacred meaning of marriage that's that's that's a shield against the deception of the devil because that's what he wants to attack and when people don't understand marriage we can clearly see they don't they are easily deceived but if we truly have our head on our shoulders and understand God's plan for mankind then it's going to be very easy for us to spot the deceptions that Satan is going to be throwing at us so the whole earth is going to be corrupt and and certainly we're seeing this increasing sexual perversion as it was in the days of sodom and gomorrah and and people in elite positions people in high leadership positions fully embracing sodomy fully embracing sexual perversion and then making it the legal standard and and soon you know heterosexual marriage will soon be illegal and certainly will be frowned upon so the whole earth is going to be accepting this perversion from the serpent the whole earth was corrupt before God and the earth was filled with violence and again if we don't have solid marriages solid Christian families developing and training a child in the way that he should go we're not going to have peace in fact we're gonna have the exact opposite we have now you know children being trained to murder children from from the earliest of Ages

they are coming up and in a decade or so they'll be adults and all they know is slaughter and jihad and we have other children from the earliest of Ages being taught homosexuality and and gender fluidity and corruption and these people are growing up and they're now going to be taking leadership roles in fact it's already happened and then they're going to start changing legislation to suit their warped minds and the Christian will be certainly persecuted and Christian marriage will certainly and family life will certainly be persecuted and so as a result of this this departure from truth and this this overwhelming acceptance of satanic ideology the earth is filled with violence so ideology first behavior second belief first behavior second and so what we teach the doctrines we embrace matter and so there's some sort of doctrines and sort of idea oh geez that are being embraced around the world that is causing the whole world to become corrupt and causing the whole earth to become violent and God looked upon the earth and indeed it was corrupt for all flesh had corrupted their way on earth even people who are calling on God get consumed with this so we have to be ever ever vigilant and God said to Noah the end of all flesh has come before me as it is now in our time for the earth is filled with violence through them and so any ideology that promoting violence is not on the same page as God God made man in His image and he does not endorse men slaughtering those human beings that are made in his image he has mercy he has love for mankind so much so that he is willing to sacrifice his son for mankind he says behold I will destroy them with the

earth so this is how it's going to be in our end time the whole earth is going to be corrupt perverse and the whole earth is going to be violent and so we have to guard ourselves that we don't get consumed with these causes that are calling for violence and we don't get consumed with pornography polyamory you know any kind of fornication we need to flee from all these things and embrace Christian marriage embrace the Christian family understand the deep sacred meaning of these institutions and keep our head on our shoulders when the Son of Man comes will he find faith on the earth let us say yes and amen Luke 21 continues but before all these things so so this is what the Christ is telling us this is what's gonna happen in the end time and and the end is still not yet so don't don't don't assume that just because the world is falling apart presto change-o Christ returns and there's the kingdom no evil has to play it's full its it has to play out fully and Christ is going to allow the evil to play out full before he acts but before all these things happen he says before all of this corruption happens something else is going to happen they will lay their hands on you and persecute you delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons and by the way Christians today are the most persecuted peoples on the planet there's all this talk about Islamophobia and homophobia and all these different phobias and everybody's crying that they're there's this victimology ethic around the word everybody I'm the victim I'm the victim all the black lives matter homosexuals feminism all this victimology but the true victims today in massive numbers

are Christians this is from a website  
open doors usa.com every month they're  
tracking on average 322 Christians are  
killed because they believe in Christ  
214 churches and Christian properties  
are destroyed every month there is this  
systematic persecution of Christians and  
772 forms of violence are committed  
against Christians every month such as  
beatings abductions rapes arrests and  
forced marriages where is the outcry  
what why is why does nobody care why is  
there all this talk about for example  
Islamophobia and no talk about Krista  
folia what is going on  
well the prophecies are coming to pass  
Satan hates Jesus Christ and he is  
infecting people with ideologies that  
that make them hate anybody who follows  
Christ so before all of these things  
happen they're going to lay their hands  
on you persecute you delivering you up  
to the assemblies and prisons you you  
will be brought before kings and rulers  
for my name's sake but it will turn out  
for you as an occasion  
for testimony so that's really important  
now we have to have this view remember  
the prophecy in Daniel 12 that says  
those who turn many to righteousness  
shall shine as the stars in heaven  
that's the perspective that we have to  
have that it's not about this life  
doesn't matter what we do we're gonna  
die so if we're gonna die anyway we  
can't we can't really exit this life  
without dying  
why not die nobley why not die for  
something we believe in why not die  
advancing God's agenda why not be a part  
of this massive conflict that began all  
the way back in Genesis 3 when Christ  
pronounced a curse upon the serpent that  
there will be enmity between your seed



and the seed of the woman and so and there's gonna be this enmity and that's what's that's what's playing out now and so we are part of the seed of the woman we are in Christ therefore there's going to be enmity against us but what an honor that we can declare Jesus Christ that we can turn many to repentance that in all this confusion and hatred and violence we can be a voice of reason and a voice of truth now we can turn many to righteousness and we can support those who are turning many to righteousness so when we're dragged before courts and we're dragged before kings or dragged before rulers rather than panic and think that all is lost let's remember the prophecy those who turn many to righteousness will shine like the stars in heaven forever forever that's that's that's what we're into forever that's what matters

and so we're gonna be dragged before these authorities but it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony and we saw that in Acts when he studied Acts and we saw Paul dragged before King Agrippa and he challenged King the person do you believe in the prophets I know that you believe King Agrippa was very familiar with the Jewish Scriptures then Agrippa said to Paul you almost persuade me to become a Christian and even though Agrippa may not have been fully persuaded certainly there were others in the audience that were there were others in Paul's hearing there are others that were listening to this exchange that thought this is real this is real and because of Paul's demonstration of faith it affected them as well as his logic and his reason so it's both the reason as well as the that the life and the experience and and

the example now in Luke 21 14 and continues therefore because because this is an occasion for a testimony therefore settle it in your heart's not to meditate beforehand what you will answer so it's not like we have to have this you know I've got to get everything right I've gotta rehearse this script make sure that I cover these things know all we have to be doing now is studying the Word of God making sure the Word of God is fully within us and then God says through the Holy Spirit he will bring this to our remembrance and this is why it's so important I'm so grateful for those of you who who follow this every week and also we need to be following bill Watson's studies doing the book of Romans he did Romans chapter 3 last night and everything on Tuesday night same same same place CGI dot org slash webcast we need to know the scriptures and this is sort of line by line study is important because there's going to be a time in the future when there's a specific line that needs to come to mind and I don't know this for sure but I believe the Bible is going to become illegal and this is why the deception will work is people will forget I mean if we as long as we have these warnings in front of us is gonna be very hard to deceive us but if we can declare this as hate speech and get rid of it and then people begin to forget but if we if we actually understand the narrative of the Bible and how it all integrates and holds together it's gonna be very hard to take it away from us and I do want to mention while I'm while I'm on this point is that next week I'll be traveling and so we won't have Wednesday night Bible study next week we will have

Tuesday night with the book of Romans going on to chapter four so please tune in to that and then we'll resume with Wednesday night study on July 26th so no Bible study next week on Wednesday night but we do have the Tuesday evening Bible study with Bill Watson going through the book of Romans which is a very difficult book there you know Peter himself says that people misunderstand Paul and they confuse themselves to their own destruction and again when we can go through a scriptural line by line so that we get the full context I'd love to say the Bible is not Twitter you know people think they can just take a verse take it out of context and say it means something but when we have the whole letter or the whole gospel and then we come to a certain verse with the whole context in mind as we've been doing now it's much harder to be confused it's much clearer with the intent of the author and so that's why these studies are so important and Christ makes it very clear to us that we mustn't worry that and that's his disciples they they were eating at his feet they understood the Scriptures and so he could say to them you don't have to meditate beforehand you'll recall in the moment and so we need to be workmen working the Scriptures so that we can show ourselves approved so settle it in your heart's not to meditate beforehand and what you'll answer so we'll just be inspired for I personally will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict nor resist now Christ is saying this staring crucifixion in the face he is moments away from being slaughtered and he's telling his disciples he personally

we'll be with them and we'll give them a mouth and wisdom which the adversaries will not be able to resist so just reinforcing the fact that this is no ordinary human being this is God on earth and hopefully the disciples understood this and we need to understand that this is the same Christ who has been crucified who lay in the grave for three days and three nights and came back to life came back to glorious life and now he's the head of the church he's in heaven we are the body we are on earth and as long as we do his will and this is what we understand as we study these these scriptures is this is all about those who do the will of God and those who do not those whom he puts on his right hand and says well done you've done my will and those who he separates and puts on his left and says don't call why do you call me Lord Lord and you don't do my will and so we're all about was yielding ourselves to Jesus Christ to do his will and his will is that we oppose evil men with truth not with violence just with the word of truth for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist and we see this now or we saw that when we were studying Acts again with Stephen then there are a rose some in act six from what is called the synagogue of the freedmen so these are obviously men that were not slaves they were freedmen in the Roman Empire sirenians Alexandria ins and those from Cilicia and Asia they were debating with Steven and Steven engaged in debate with them Stephen didn't say oh no it's not really Christian to debate I better run and hide and I just want to keep a low profile and I just want to be nice to

everybody it's just about love and it's just about being nice and I want to find audiences that are receptive to the gospel and I'll just I'll just share the gospel with them No these men were hostile to the gospel and Stephen went to them and disputed with them he did not back down and Christ fulfilled his promise and they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spoke and and and this doesn't just come unum magically this is something we have to work we have to work the Scriptures understand the Scriptures as we engage in debate were like okay I didn't really answer that well how what does the scripture Rio that's what it says you know the next time I'm asked that I'll know exactly how to answer and so we develop this wisdom through experience and that's what we have to do and just work the scriptures and work our understanding of the scriptures now he goes on to say so so this hostility is gonna continue and he goes on to say you know you're going to be dragged before courts you're going to be dragged before rulers Society has changed as a hostility towards Christ and can you believe it you will be betrayed by parents your own parents will betray you and brothers your own siblings relatives and friends people you thought they were your friend and they will put some of you to death this is the extent of the betrayal they don't care about your life they for whatever have what however things are unfolding it's they see a benefit to themselves in delivering you to death delivering some of us to death and you will be hated so remember the whole in Noah's time the whole earth was corrupt because of that corruption they

don't like the light of Christ they  
don't want the light of Christ and if  
you are carrying and if I am carrying  
the light of Christ we will be hated by  
all for my name's sake and that again is  
what we're seeing Star ting to see play  
out this is we're just warming up it's  
just started  
but Satan hates Christ and we are going  
to be betrayed as a result it's not if  
we can't take it personally it's about  
Christ but remember in Luke 14 he said  
if anyone comes to me and does not hate  
his father and mother wife and children  
brothers and sisters yes and his own  
life also revelation says that there are  
true disciples that love not their life  
unto the death this is what it means  
this is this is this is the part of  
Christianity that the deceptive  
Christian teachers don't teach the  
deceptive Christian teachers justice all  
benefit health and wealth gospel name it  
and claim it  
they don't say look if you take on the  
name of Christ you need to understand  
what you're getting into this goes all  
the way back to Genesis 3 and the enmity  
that is going to be between the seed of  
the woman and the seed of the serpent  
and and that's what's playing out here  
and it culminates in the end time so if  
you're going to be a Christian in the  
end time you need to understand what  
you're getting into but get into it  
because everybody has to face this  
showdown even if you die now you didn't  
know Christ you die now and you come up  
in the second resurrection you still  
have to face this showdown everybody has  
to make the decision that Adam had to  
make there are two trees there's the way  
Jesus Christ though the word of truth  
the way to eternal life and there's the

way to death to condemnation the the  
tree of deception every human being has  
to make this choice and if you choose  
the way of truth of eternal life of  
Christ Satan is going to try to destroy  
you  
he's going to try to take that away from  
you and he's going to unleash his full  
force to try to get you to fail  
but as long as you have the holy spirit  
Christ has already conquered him we will  
be successful so there's no point in  
shying away from this battle but it's  
important to understand what we're into  
and Christ wants us to understand and so  
what we're involved in and so he says  
that we we cannot be idolaters and this  
is Jenna this is no ordinary human being  
this is God and this is what he's saying  
obey the 10 commandments and do not put  
anything before me and like Adam who put  
his wife before Christ and became an  
idolatry and so we cannot follow Adam we  
must follow the second Adam and put  
nothing and no one before him whoever  
does not bear his cross and come after  
me cannot be my disciple so again this  
is not time for play this is not a joke  
this is eternal life and so are we do we  
understand what the kingdom of God is  
it's not just this life this sentiment  
in our hearts this is a real kingdom  
this is a real Empire this is an eternal  
Empire and it is coming to crush all the  
empires of this world it's coming to  
completely crush the head of the serpent  
to grind into powder all of these evil  
men including the scribes and Pharisees  
and anybody who claims to speak for God  
but actually speaks for the devil this  
stone that's cut without hands is coming  
to brine them into powder and the wind  
is gonna blow them away the way this  
chaff is blown away that's what's

happening and that's what we have to understand we're involved in and if we have to bear our cross we just have to steal ourselves and this is the message brethren make up your mind now die now die to Christ now go understand the worst-case scenario and we'll get more into this when we study the book of Revelation Christ doesn't he does not hold back in John 16 he says the Holy Spirit will come and it will guide us into all truth all truth not just Pleasant truth

and many times brethren might you know they want smooth things out I'll tell you when you come and preach I'll tell you what to preach I'll tell you the topics that I like and make sure you stick to those topics no we can't do that brethren we have to preach the Word of God and we have to help warn about the deceptions that are going on around us and keep Brethren awake he says here that we must bear our cross or we cannot be his disciple but not a hair of your head shall be lost well wait a minute I thought he just said in verse 2 in verse 16 they will put some of you to death now he's saying in verse 18 not a hair of your head shall be lost so we have to reconcile these two things and this takes us to 2nd Samuel 14 where a woman had to go to the King David to plead for her son it was actually hypothetical just trying to get him to see the wrong he was doing in not allowing his son Absalom to come back but nevertheless she said to the king please let the king remember the Lord your God and do not permit the Avenger of blood to destroy anymore lest they destroy my son and he said as the Lord lives not one hair of your son shall fall to the ground so the King had



this ability to ensure no one had more power than the king and the King could ensure the safety of his subjects and so based on the plea from this woman he says don't worry your son will be fine and there's a broader story to that but what we really want to understand here is the power of the King to declare that not a hair of your son's head will be lost

and that's how we have to understand this that Jesus Christ is the king no one no one can take our lives from us nobody if he has our life in his hands our physical life he's actually asking us to follow him to take up our cross he's asking us to die for him if necessary to not put anything in front of him but he's reassuring us that we will come back to life and we will have hair on our head and not a single hair will be lost and we will live our eternity now in Revelation I started back to Luke 21 he says by your patience possess your souls and that's what he wants the disciples to understand these are the days of vengeance and it's going to be protracted it's these are the days of deception these are the days of violence these are the days of corruption these are the days of commotion and trouble and it's going to be protracted and we have to be patient and I have to add these are the days of Christian persecution these are the days when Christians will be hunted down the same way Nimrod was a hunter for men's souls while his spirit is that his ideology continues to live today and Christians will be hunted down and persecuted and by our patience will possess will hold on to our lives and in Revelation 13 again we'll cover this later but if anyone has an ear let him

hear he who leads into captivity shall go into captivity this is the key that there there is a king that's higher than any earthly King and his agenda shall prevail and anybody who's leading into captivity he will go into captivity he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword here in this understanding is the patience and the faith of the saints so brethren this is what we have to be convicted of that there is a higher power and he will have vengeance his vengeance will prevail his justice will prevail and the kingdom of God will be established he says but when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies then know that it's desolation is near it's near so so they this was the question when will all these things be well he had to give them some context but the answer to the question is when you see Jerusalem surrounded by then know that it's desolation is near and in mark mark writes so luke says that the desolation is going to come by these armies that are near mark writes when you see the abomination of desolation so mark calls it an abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet standing where it ought not let the reader understand so we need to go to the the prophecy of Daniel and I don't get too much into prophecy right now I think we we will cover Daniel as well when we're doing that I think we have to do it Daniel and revelation but we need to understand the prophecy of Daniel and pause and make sure we understand it that there's an abomination that makes desolate and it's going to be set up right in Jerusalem in other words the authority that belongs to Jerusalem will be completely

eradicated and the Gentile with their paganism will do as they like and they will come right into the Holy of Holies and they will set up an abomination we saw a precursor to this and this really was fulfilled in AD 70 Antiochus Epiphanes when he came in and slaughtered left right and center men women and children and established the abomination the worship of Zeus right there in the Holy of Holies but that was just a precursor this is yet to be fulfilled in its full in its fullness this is still yet ahead of us and so we are gonna see Jerusalem surrounded by armies we are going to see this pagan Authority come into Jerusalem and establish their religion and their their false God right there in the temple or right there in Jerusalem then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains as they had to in in AD 70 and the Christians who believed Christ they fled the Jews who did not believe Christ they stayed and they were slaughtered enslaved let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house nor enter to take anything out of his house it's that urgent it's like when you're in a building and it's on fire there's no time just get out just get out because you don't know how how rapidly the fire will spread and consume everybody that this is a time incredible violence and hatred so so let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains Luke is saying this now so that was mark now Luke says let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains let those who are in the midst of her depart let not those who are in the country enter her so so it's all about the focal point of Jerusalem in the end time the focal point is Jerusalem for

these are the days of vengeance that all things that are written may be fulfilled so there's a vengeance of the devil and then there's the vengeance of God but first there's the vengeance of the devil and and and and it's it's a part of God's out working it's part of the out working of God's will and in numbers remember here in numbers 15 31 says that speaking of those who despise God because he has despised the word of the Lord and has broken his commandment that person shall be completely cut off his guilt shall be upon him and that's what's playing out here God is actually using the devil to carry out his will and there's an agreement that God has with Judah with Jerusalem with the Jews with the people of God with the people of Israel and because they have violated that agreement and Christ says they did not recognize the day of their visitation a Christ came to redeem them and they rejected him now they're on their own and so the slaughter that's going to come upon Jerusalem upon Judea upon Israel is going to be profound the devil is going to unleash all of his hatred on the people of God but that actually fulfills the Word of God and God will eventually step in but this is the out working of God's will and remember in Luke 19 he says the days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you and they'll surround you and close you in on every side and level you and your children within you to the ground and they will not leave in you one stone upon another because you did not know the time of your visitation God your God came to you and you didn't recognize him instead you knew you were so committed to your evil you chose evil

over God so you're going to have to live with the consequences Luke 21 but woe to those this this hatred is so vile and again we have a taste of this in AD 70 but that was just a foretaste this is still yet to be fully fulfilled woe to those who are pregnant to those and to those who are nursing babies in those days there'll be no mercy there will be no mercy

the people who these people who are coming do not see you as human beings they see you as vile and they're going to unleash the wrath and the hatred of the devil for there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people and they will fall by the edge of the sword and they will be slain so there is something here where it's all about the edge of the sword this it's the sword and they will be led away captive into all nations so these people have this sword and they have this very deep belief in slavery that slavery is back and all over the world we're gonna see this slave trade come back the slave market they'll be led away captive into all nations and Jerusalem will be trampled by trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled and we know that these times of the Gentiles this is where they get to run their course we know from revelation 11 that it will be three-and-a-half years where he says leave out the court has been given to the Gentiles and they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty and two months so they'll get their way for three and a half year get it carrying on in Luke and there will be signs in the Sun and moon and in the stars and on earth distress of Nations with perplexity the Seas and the waves roaring so all of these sort of

natural disasters as well but there will be signs in the Sun and in the moon and that's harkening back to Joel's prophecy where he says I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth blood and fire and pillars of smoke the Sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord so this is what we're looking for that the the signs that show that God is now acting when I put out your light I will cover the heavens and make this it stars black I will cover the Sun with a cloud and the moon shall not give her light Christ goes on to say that men's hearts will be failing them for fear men's hearts been will be having basically men will be having heart attacks that all of these things that I had the commotion in the earth and in the heavens is gonna be so great when people are going to be terrified they're going to have heart attacks for from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth draw all law and order is gone lawlessness prevails and also for the powers of the heavens will be shaken so this is the Sun in the moon and the stars they're all going to be shaken and Jeremiah spoke here to say lest your heart faint and you fear the rumour that will be heard in the land a rumor will come in one year and after that in another year a rumor will come and violence in the land ruler against ruler remember that's we saw a nation against nation Nimrod Nimrod disciple against Nimrod disciple each trying to get this global control of the earth Ezekiel also speaks of this says to the son of man prophesy a sword a sword is sharpened that that that's that this is the time

of a sword not clearly somehow swords  
still feature  
despite the technological prowess of the  
in  
and time a sword a sword is sharpened  
and also polished sharpened to make a  
dreadful slaughter polished a flash like  
lightning should we then make mirth it  
despises the sceptre of my son as it  
does all wood and he has given it to be  
polish he's the one that's given it to  
be polished that it may be handled the  
sword is sharpened and it is polished to  
be given into the hand of the Slayer  
this is all God's will cry and wail son  
of man why for it will be against my  
people against all the princes of Israel  
terrors including the sword will be  
against my people therefore strike your  
thigh so this is a horrible time that  
we're heading into but we need to  
understand what it is and why it is and  
that it will be protracted then finally  
they will see but finally when we  
finally see the signs in the heavens  
then finally this is when you will see  
it this is why we won't be deceived we  
have to understand we're looking for the  
sign in the Sun and the moon and the  
stars first not things that are  
happening on the earth then they will  
see the Son of man coming in a cloud  
with power and great glory and there'll  
be signs in the Sun in the moon and in  
the stars and on the earth distress of  
Nations all these nations that were  
promising utopia their way was the  
better way support them nothing but  
distress with perplexity the sea and the  
waves roaring now when these things  
begin to happen when we see the signs in  
the moon and the Sun and the stars now  
when these things begin to happen look  
up and lift up your heads because your

redemption draws near then he spoke to them a parable and he said to them look at the fig tree so he wanted this was obviously a common tree in Israel at the time look at it and all the trees when they are already budding you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near so you also when you see these things happening know that the kingdom of God is near so there's a deceiver that is saying Christ is the Lord Jesus is the Messiah and the end is now and that's a deception Christ is warning us against that deception he's saying it's gonna be very very protracted a lot of things are gonna happen but the end is not yet when we see these things the signs in the Sun Moon and stars that's when we know when you see these things happening know that the kingdom of God is near assuredly I say to you so so somehow it's going to accelerate in such a way that this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place so it's all going to unfold very very rapidly and all within a single generation heaven and earth will pass away but my words will by no means pass away so are there gonna be a new heaven and a new earth so this current heaven and current earth are gonna pass away but the words of Christ will never pass away and we should immediately or they would certainly think of Isaiah the grass withers the flower fades but the word of our God stands forever and Christ is telling us he is God and nothing can reverse his word now in all of this and this is really now what we need to consider here as we wrap up Luke 21 in all of this as he's given us a very very clear warning and we not only have it in Luke 21 we have it in mark 13 we have it



in Matthew 24 we have the entire book of Revelation we have John 14 15 and 16 we have been warned over and over we have it all after all of this he says but take heed to yourselves so my word lasts forever but you take heed to yourselves and that means all of us lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing drunkenness and cares of this life can you believe it that as the world is falling apart

Christ is concerned that his people will get consumed with eating drinking and be merry and being merry and that's as it was in the days of Noah as it was in the days of law so shall it be in the days of the son of man the coming of the Son of Man so this is the caution Christ is very concerned that we are going to get caught up with this drunkenness that is that is going to be in the land in fact he's concerned that we will eat and drink with the drunken and the drunken are those who have false doctrine informing their behavior they're drunk we have to have truth informing our behavior so we have to be careful about what we get caught up in as pastor Watson said yesterday in Romans 3 quoting Paul

let God be true and every man a liar let God be true and every man a liar the only thing we care and we measure everything against is the Word of God it says here take heed to yourselves and unless your hearts be weighed down with carousing drunkenness and cares of this life and that day finally the people are getting discouraged and they think you know there's no God and how could all this evil happen and oh well might as well eat drink and be merry because tomorrow we die and then that day come on you unexpectedly unbelievable that

there are going to be people who know  
God who know the Scriptures and they're  
going to be caught off guard  
why for it will come as a snare on all  
those who dwell on the face of the whole  
earth we are dealing with some massive  
deception we are dealing with a master  
deceiver and there's no point in us  
saying oh I could never be deceived I'm  
just so spiritual let him who thinks he  
stands take heed lest he fall we just  
have to be immersed in the Word of God  
it's a it's a current state thing it's  
the Holy Spirit has to be constantly  
flowing the moment the Holy Spirit  
begins to dry out we are susceptible and  
vulnerable to deception especially to  
this master deceiver who's pulling out  
all the stops and just unleashing every  
deception that he can from every angle  
and we're gonna get caught up in these  
different movements and social justice  
and it's gonna feel religious is gonna  
feel like we're being righteous but  
we're being led astray watch therefore  
and pray always that you may be counted  
worthy to escape all these things that  
will come to pass and to stand before  
the Son of man now earlier he said some  
of you will be put to death  
so the escaping all these things is not  
trying to preserve our physical life the  
being counted worthy to escape all these  
things means to escape all the deception  
of the devil all the threats of the devil  
and to hold on to the Tree of Life to  
hold on to the way broad is the way that  
leads to death narrow is the way that  
leads to eternal life and few there be  
that find it  
we are praying that we are the few that  
find it and that's why he taught us in  
Luke 11 taught his disciples us by  
extension that when we how to pray and

what to pray for and what we're really praying for is the Holy Spirit and we need to believe the goodness of God that when we ask when we add when our son asks us for bread we don't give him a stone if he asks us for a fish we don't give him a scorpion you know or or an egg he does a serpent instead of a fish or a scorpion instead of an egg we don't do that for son asks for bread or fish or or an egg we give them the things that they ask for if we then being evil know how to give good gifts to our children how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him

and that's how we need to be praying in the end time is for the Holy Spirit so that when the scorpions come when the serpents come when when persecution and death comes we have the Holy Spirit we can see through it all we can see through the deceptions and we can take it as an opportunity for testimony and then the Word of God will come richly through us and the blessed are those who turn many to righteousness we will shine as the stars in heaven forever so that's what this is all about the Holy Spirit so to wrap up then he concludes and in the daytime he was teaching in the temple but at night he went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet then early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him so so the Pharisees and the scribes they were hostile toward him but the people were actually listening and they were being taught and we want to have a heart for God

and to really really hold on to his word and so that ends Luke chapter 21 remember again that next week we will not have we will not have Wednesday

night Bible study next week we will have the Tuesday night Bible study on romans i'll going on to chapter 4 will resume Luke chapter 22 when we come back on the 26th we're really down to the wire now this has all been leading up to this standoff in this controversy this conflict that's going to take place right here in Jerusalem where we are now and we've got the value or the you have the value of the context that everything that we've read leading up to it to really help us understand what takes place and how God actually ushers in his kingdom so I certainly hope you got a lot out of the Bible study I'll miss all of you next week God willing we'll be together again on July 26 Jesus Christ wow what a savior what a savior we have his word will never perish heaven and earth will perish will pass away there'll be a new heavens and a new earth but the word of our behavior stands forever let's praise Him let's be faithful and let's pray for each other for more of the Holy Spirit I did want to mention by the way before I finish need to pray for Robert Mackey Mike Mackey is one of our brothers here very supportive his brother is in Afghanistan of fighting the bad guys of fighting for freedom and there are very few people now they'll put their lives on the line for others Robert Mackey is one of them please remember him in your prayers and let's pray for one another and for God's Holy Spirit good night and God bless