

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple,
how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to
God, he said,
'As for these things that you see, the days will come
when not one stone will be left upon another that will not be
thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be,
and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?'

And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray;
for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The
time is near!"

Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified;
for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow
immediately.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom
against kingdom;
there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines
and plagues;
and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you;
they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons,
and you will be brought before kings and governors because of
my name;
13this will give you an opportunity to testify.

So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance;
for I will give you words and a wisdom
that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or
contradict.

You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and
friends;
and they will put some of you to death;
and you will be hated by all because of my name.

But not a hair of your head will perish.
By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Text is an arrangement of the NRSV with minor revisions to facilitate storytelling.