

Sermon Discussion Guide:

The Destruction of the Temple

Scripture: **Luke 21:5-6**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, November 17, 2019

OVERVIEW

In this passage, Jesus tells of the coming destruction of the temple. Israel's hopes and dreams for their savior were too small. They expected an earthly, political savior—an expectation that would be utterly devastated in the destruction of the temple. This was a confusing transition in redemptive history, catching Israel completely off-guard. While the disciples, and all of Israel, admired the temple and saw it as a key way to gain access to God, **Jesus has forever changed the way we meet with and worship God**, making all other ways obsolete.

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Hebrews 8:9-10, Revelation 21, John 14:1-6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why were the disciples so confused by this transition in redemptive history? What expectations held them back from fully understanding the significance?
2. What does it mean for Israel's concept of salvation to be "too small?" In what way might *your* concept of salvation be "too small?"
3. Why is going to God's plan to gain access to him through Jesus ultimately better than going through the temple?
4. What are some ways that we try to reach God, gain access to Him, or please Him, beyond Jesus?
5. We no longer rely on the temple, but we do have other earthly means to spirituality or closeness to God and peace that we struggle not to rely on. What's yours? What will ultimately become of those things?