



LUKE 21:25-28

"IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT, AND I FEEL IT..."

THE QUESTION

The disciples are asking about: "What's happening with Jesus and the promises God made to Israel?"
The key question underneath it all: "Is God really going to do what He said?"

JESUS' ANSWER

1. The end does not follow immediately

- There will be: deception → wars → persecution → opposition → Jerusalem's destruction
- "These things must take place first."
- So: Don't give up. Stay strong. Trust me.

2. Israel's judgement is not the end of God's plan

- Jerusalem will be trampled by the Gentiles... *"UNTIL" the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*
- God uses Israel's rejection and judgment to advance the plan laid out in the Old Testament.
- God is faithful to His covenant. The gospel goes out. Gentiles are brought into the kingdom.

3. But even then is not the end

- At some point: the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled
- Then: signs → the Son of Man → power and great glory
- Jesus is reminding them: "God is going to do what He said He was going to do."

THE SIGN

God doesn't give us all this information so we can figure out when it will happen.

He gives it because:

- it is going to happen.
- God is keeping His promises.

And He wants His people:

- anticipating it
- understanding it
- enjoying what it means

SO WHEN IT HAPPENS...

While the world is fainting from fear Jesus' people will "straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Why?: God is acting to do everything He promised!

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US

God is in control. He is taking history somewhere. Jesus is coming back. He is going to do everything God says He would do.

But do I actually believe it?

If I really believed what Jesus says about the end of the world, would my life be any different?

Because it should impact: **MY ATTITUDE, MY PRIORITIES**

WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE FOR US TO THINK AND LIVE LIKE PEOPLE, WHO KNOW THE FUTURE?