

Among the Lions: Apostles



For the NAME
Luke 21:8-19





Luke 21:

8 And He said, "See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not go after them. 9 "When you hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end does not follow immediately." 10 Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, 11 and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. 12 "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors



Luke 21:

for My name's sake. 13 "It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. 14 "So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; 15 for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. 16 "But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, 17 and you will be hated by all because of My name. 18 "Yet not a hair of your head will perish. 19 "By your endurance you will gain your lives.

The Power of the Name



- What makes a Disciple of Jesus different:
 - More than theology/doctrine
 - More than religious rituals
 - More than ceremony and days
- MANY will come “in My Name”
 - False and Deceptive “leaders” = MISLED!!!
 - “Do not go after them.”

Signs of the Time



- Dates and Times...
 - Events – war, disturbances, things that terrify!
 - Nations and Kingdoms fighting...
 - Earthquakes, famines, signs in the heavens
- BUT BEFORE
 - We will be “on trial”
 - “synagogues” = religious; kings/governors = civil

FOR MY NAME'S SAKE



Not for being bad citizens or breaking laws...

Because of the Name of Jesus!

WHY do they HATE this NAME??? (see handout)

Because it is the ONLY Name that:

Saves, sets free, heals

The ONLY Name through Whom we can be saved!

No apologies needed! TESTIMONY!!!

Make up your minds...



- Don't prepare! WHAT???
- Not about what we think we should say...
- Defending “ourselves” is NOT the focus!
- Utterance and Wisdom from Jesus
- Not able to resist or refute... cut to the heart!
- Betrayed by family/friends, even to death! (16)
- Hated by all, because of the NAME...

God's Promise

Not a hair of your head... He is counting!

Perish/Destroy - to render useless, ruined, lost...

Enduring... steadfast, patience

Time for THE NAME...

In Remembrance of ME!

His Name is our LIFE!

Celebrate in HIM