

THE REALLY GOOD LIFE!

The Life of Christ Series

Gospel of Luke

Luke 21:1-19

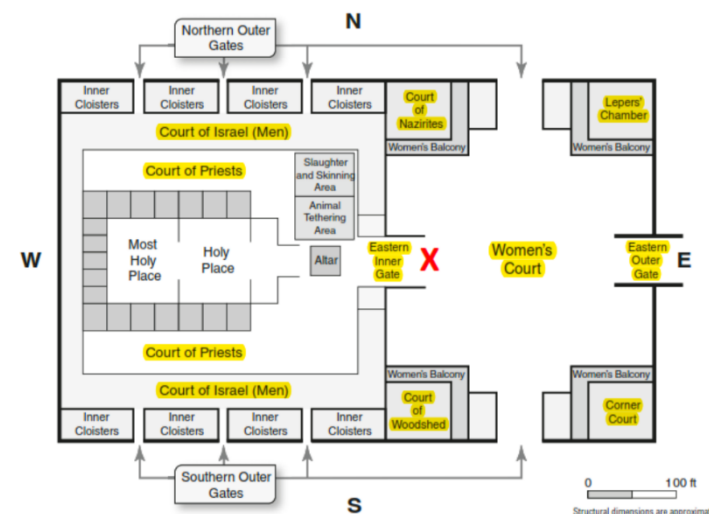
“The Mite-y Giver”

(Luke 21:1-4)

And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, ² and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. ³ So He said, “Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; ⁴ for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings ^lfor God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.”

Entering through the Susan Gate you would come to a large court called the “Court of the Women”. Jewish men and Jewish women could congregate there, however women were not to go beyond this court.

There were thirteen treasury chests, and eleven were in the Court of the Women.



- What were the differences in how the rich and this poor widow gave (internally and externally)?
- There are over 2000 verses that speak about money. Why do you think that is?
- Reflect on how you give, and how it compares to the rich and the widow. If this an area you can improve on, ask God to work on your heart to be obedient to your conviction.

“Mighty Prediction”

(Luke 21:5-6)

⁵ Then, as some spoke of the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and donations, He said, ⁶ “These things which you see—the days will come in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.”

It took 80 years and 18,000 men to build the temple mount. It began in 20 BC. The whole temple compound was 36 acres—the temple mount area it was made with white marble. It was still being built in 64 AD before it was completely demolished in AD 70 and exactly as Jesus prophesied.

- The whole temple complex was magnificent. Do you think it was easy or difficult for His disciples to believe what Jesus predicted? Why or why not?
- Has God ever done the “impossible” in your life? Share.

- If He has proven Himself faithful and trustworthy, do you still doubt what He can do with something you are now faced with? Why or why not? How can you pray about that, or ask others to pray for you? Do you have any bible verses to help you?

“Almighty Destruction”

(Luke 22:7-19)

⁷ So they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but when will these things be? And what sign will there be when these things are about to take place?” ⁸ And He said: “Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and, ‘The time has drawn near. Therefore do not go after them. ⁹ But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately.” ¹⁰ Then He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name’s sake. ¹³ But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. ¹⁴ Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will ^[f]answer; ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or ^[g]resist. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives, and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head shall be lost. ¹⁹ By your patience possess your souls.

Other references:

2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

1 John 2:18 And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them. [19] They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

1 John 4:1-3 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. [2] By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, [3] and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

- How could someone be deceived?
- How are you preparing for His coming? Why or why not?
- What are some ways to be vigilant?
- How can you make changes to make this a priority in your life if it’s not currently a priority?