

Living a Christ-Centered Life

LESSON 21: A Christ-Centered Life is Focused on the Signs of the Times

In Ch. 21, in anticipation of his eventual death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus readies his disciples for the eventual persecution of the church. Jesus describes two scenarios – first he describes the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. Second, he describes the persecutions and difficulties his church will go through until he comes again. The main message of this chapter is to be ready for whatever happens and know that everything will be ok for God’s people.

Questions to consider:

1. How do you handle stress? Describe yourself and your method.
2. What do you think about or concentrate on in hard times? Is it helpful or not?

Word Study Challenge: What do these words teach us about being ready for anything and noticing the signs of the times?

V. 8 “Deceived”

V. 19 “Standing firm”

Read 21:1-7 Do you think we can be overly concerned about the future? What is the difference between being ready and cautious; and worried or even paranoid?

Read 21:8-19 What are disciples supposed to be ready and watchful for; and what will they receive if they are prepared?

Read 21:25-36

How is a disciple of Jesus supposed to act when they see the world (or their world) fall apart?

What are they supposed to think about and take comfort in during these trying times?