

Jesus Tells Us How to Face Persecution and Betrayal (Luke 21: 12-19)

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 answer; ¹⁵ "for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or 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.

1. Predicted _____

¹² "But before all these things,

- *Short-term: Destruction of the temple (6)*
- *Long-term: Days leading up to the return of Jesus (10-11)*

2. Predicted _____

they will lay their hands on you

- *Physical abuse*

3. Predicted _____

and persecute you,

- *Pursued, chased, bullied*

4. Predicted _____

delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons.

- *Religious & political trouble*

5. Predicted _____

for My name's sake. – **"for the sake of the name of Me."**

6. Promised _____

¹³ "But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony.

- *God is doing something in our trouble bigger than us.*

7. Promised _____

¹⁴ "Therefore **settle** (x!) it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer;

8. Promised _____

¹⁵ "for I will give you a mouth and wisdom

- *Not "preparing for sermons," but special situations.*

9. Promised _____

which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

10. Beloved _____

¹⁶ "You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

- *Same root word as "delivering" in v.12*

11. Promised _____

¹⁷ "And you will be hated by all

12. Predicted _____

for My name's sake.

"on account of the name of Me."

13. Protective _____

¹⁸ "But not a hair of your head shall be lost.

14. Patient _____

¹⁹ "By your patience **possess** (x!) your souls.

1 Thes 4:4 that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, ("purchase," take possession of)

Takeaways:

1. We are to live for the _____ of the Lord.

2. We are to know that following Jesus brings _____ from unbelievers.

- It can lead to *hatred*.
- It can lead to *injury*.
- It can lead to *persecution*.
- It can lead to *imprisonment*.
- It can lead to *death*.

3. We are to rest in God's _____ of our life circumstances.

4. We are to rest in God's _____ for our life circumstances.

"The believer can be sure that God is in control and that he will work out his purpose, but he cannot be sure what place he himself has in that purpose. He may be killed and come to his eternal triumph through death, or he may survive. His certainty is in the triumph of God, not in how this will be realized in his own life." (Leon Morris on Luke 21:16-17, Tyndale New Testament Commentary, Luke, rev. ed., pp.324-325)

5. We are to take _____ for our life, and not blame circumstances.