

Kids' Chronicle

Jesus talks about things to come

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Jesus was standing in front of the temple when he overheard some people admiring its architecture, how it was built with expensive stones and other materials and how beautifully it was decorated. Jesus interrupted the conversation. "All that you see here," he said as he pointed to different parts of the temple, "the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

The temple was one of the most important buildings in the city. The people moved closer to Jesus. They were concerned by his words, and asked him questions.

"Teacher, when will this happen?" asked one man.

"And what sign will there be when these things are about to happen?" asked someone else.

Jesus knew the people were asking him what would happen before the world ended. He did not answer them with details about the temple that had started the discussion. Instead he said, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them!"

Jesus could see that he had everyone's attention. They were watching him closely, and occasionally they would whisper to each other, about what Jesus was saying. Jesus continued.



Illustration by Linda Jeanne Rivers

"When you hear of war, do not be terrified, for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end. Nation will rise up against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place, and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky. Before all this happens, however, they will have you led before

kings and governors because of my name. I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."

The whispering among the people increased. They wondered what Jesus meant.

Jesus pointed up into the sky and said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these things begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

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Luke 21

Q&A

1. What did Jesus say would happen to the temple?
2. How will the Son of Man come back?

Wells

Wells are openings in the earth that allow water to rise to the surface. They are often found in areas where the ground is soft and porous. Wells can be dug to various depths, depending on the location and the amount of water needed. Some wells are used for drinking water, while others are used for irrigation or industrial purposes. The construction of a well typically involves digging a hole into the ground, often using a wooden frame to support the sides. A pump or bucket is used to draw water from the well. Wells are an important source of water in many areas, especially in rural or semi-arid regions.

St. Godfrey

St. Godfrey was a medieval knight who became a saint. He was known for his bravery and his devotion to God. He lived during the Crusades and was one of the few knights who returned home. He is the patron saint of the Holy Land and is often depicted with a cross and a sword. His feast day is celebrated on November 8th. St. Godfrey's story is a testament to the power of faith and the courage of a Christian warrior.

Puzzle

Answer the following questions using the table of contents of your Bible. Answers on Page 8.

1. First book of the Old Testament. _____
2. First book named after a person. _____
3. First book named after a woman. _____
4. The only book that starts with the letter "I." _____
5. Four New Testament books bear this man's name. _____
6. This book's title only has three letters. _____
7. The last book of the New Testament. _____

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The winner to the last essay question was Collin Camp, a fifth-grader at St. Michael School in Newark. In response to, "Which saint has been an inspiration to you or your family, and why?" Collin wrote, "The Saint of our house is St. Francis of Assisi. My grandfather who died two years ago was named after him. He is the Saint of our (house) because he is known for peace. My parents strive for peace in our household everyday. Our family knows many of St. Francis' stories. I am disappointed they are not in the Bible."

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