

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday November 16, 2025

Reading: Luke 21:5-19

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! This week, we consider our earthly accomplishments, struggles in life, and Jesus' presence in our Everyday Lives. Click here: <https://youtu.be/3iKS0fATc4E> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- This week's reading from Luke drops us into the middle of events. Just as people are extolling the grandeur and beauty of the Temple, Jesus declares that the days will come when the Temple is destroyed, and not one stone will lay upon another.
- When the disciples ask when this will happen, Jesus mostly only describes more horrible things: impostors in Jesus' name, wars, insurrections, earthquakes, famines and plagues.
- Jesus even predicts the disciples will be arrested and persecuted. But in the midst of it all, Jesus assures that we shouldn't "prepare our defense in advance." (Luke 21:14) Jesus will be with us, and give us the words and wisdom to respond to critics and naysayers.

Two Questions

- Do you find Jesus' direction NOT to prepare a defense a bit shocking? Don't we want to be prepared? One might think it be more helpful for Jesus if we could cite chapter and verse out of the Bible support for everything we want to tell others about Jesus? So that when they ask, we are ready to defend ourselves, and Jesus? Clearly, Jesus says don't prepare, though, so why do you think that is?
- Do you see the parallel between the Temple being destroyed, and Jesus exhorting us not to "prepare" our own "defense?" If we are left to our earthly talents to build things and convince others, will those things last? When are we at our "best," showing others' Jesus' love? Is it by our own efforts, or God's through us?

Action Step

- This week, DON'T PREPARE! You and the Holy Spirit will trip into something amazing, together!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!