HAPPENING NOW SUNDAY MORNING

LUKE 19:37-44

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE: "Things You Should Know"

Understanding the Hope and the Effect that Watching for Jesus Brings.

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Introduction to the Text: Luke 19:37-44

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Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, .:38 saying: " 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" :39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." :40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out." :41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, :42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. :43 For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, :44 and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Here in Luke's Gospel, as well as the other Gospels - -Jesus highlights one of the most important doctrines of the Bible = Biblical Eschatology

There is a Purpose that Biblical Eschatology Serves

One of the most effective ways to getting your house clean is to invite someone over.

(Why? Because someone is going to be coming = Jesus)

Another great motivator to getting your house ready is to put it on the market – to sell it. (Why? Because someone's going to be leaving - Me)

Matthew 24:44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

How can someone be ready, when you do not know the hour? "and the answer is – STAY READY"

Things That You Should Know

1.) The time has come

As of today, you and I are living at a unique moment in history.

#1 For the first time in history, the church and Israel are on earth at the same time.

#2 In the Middle East, there are nations that have come together that are specifically named in the Bible - and Russia would lead them.

#3 Today globally, the world has never been this anti-Christian, anti-Bible, and anti-Jesus – like it is today!

#4

As predicted in the Bible, there would be a great indicator that would announce to the world that God is about to intervene - - Jerusalem !

(vs **44**) "because you did not know **the time** (Kairos – the defining moments) of your **visitation**."

This word here in Luke 19, "Visitation", means (1) to be examining and to be examined (2) to inspect and to be inspected

And notice what God wanted for them...

42 saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace!

Notice what their neglected brought upon them...

Luke 19:41 Now as He drew near, He saw the city (of Jerusalem) and wept over it, 42 (this is what made Jesus cry), "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

Luke 21:34-36

"Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled (laden, weighed down, pulled down, ie. quick sand) by carousing (partying) and drunkenness (intoxication), and by the worries (anxieties) of this life. Don't let that day catch you unaware, 35 like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. 36 Watch (Be on the alert with eyes wide open) therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy (Pleasing Christ) to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Do you honestly think that all these global issues and tensions have just now arisen in concert because.... Why?

- (1) That Kim Jong Un aka "Rocket Man" has the bomb now and is targeting the USA?
- (2) That Iran, with the religious support of Turkey and the others will seek to destroy Israel?

(3) That the U.S. Congress and President Trump would recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Do you think that that was his idea?

(4) The global economic condition of nations (bankruptcy)

Luke 21:28 Now when these things begin to happen, LOOK UP AND LIFT UP your heads, because your redemption draws near."

Suddenly and without warning, God will move again:

Will it be a 3rd World War? / Will it be the Russian invasion of Israel? Will it be something that is utterly shocking – the unthinkable?

Or will it be a knock at the door and Jesus Shouts...

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

The stage is being set (has been set) for God's next move.

The burdensome stone

Zechariah 12:1-3

The message of the word of the Lord concerning Israel. Thus says the Lord, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: 2 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. 3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

It's not about New York, it's not about London, it's not about Hong Kong or Paris – not even Los Angeles...

It's about Jerusalem and it's a warning to us to be ready. Readying ourselves to meet Jesus Christ before time is up....

Is The Life That He Gave You to Live - for His Interests, Ready? - Ready to Present IT Back to Him?

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