



THE WORST OF TRAGEDIES CAN BE THE BEST OF OPPORTUNITIES!

The Tragedies

1. THE TEMPLE WILL BE _____

Luke 21:5-7, *And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?"*

2. THERE WILL BE _____ TEACHERS

21:8, *And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them.*

- ✿ People will claim to be Jesus
- ✿ People will claim the end is here

3. THERE WILL BE _____

21:9-10, *And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.*

4. THERE WILL BE NATURAL _____

21:11, *There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.*

5. THERE WILL BE _____

21:12, *But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake.*

The Opportunity

13-19, *This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.*

Romans 8:28, *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

- ✿ For those who have faith in Jesus, even the worst tragedies can become the best of opportunities