



Small Groups

Parish Community of Saint Helen

Sunday, November 13, 2022
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Big Picture Week 3

Opening Song

[Our God ~ Chris Tomlin](#)

Opening Prayer

Leaders' choice

Or

Lord, Your life, death and Resurrection is all we need to know in our lives. Your perfect sacrifice gives us every answer and pours forth every grace. As we gather today in this small group may we always turn to You as the sign we need every day.

Jesus, we trust in You.

Amen

Gospel

Lk 21:5-19

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here-- the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down."

Then they asked him,

"Teacher, when will this happen?

And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?"

He answered,

"See that you not be deceived,

for many will come in my name, saying,

'I am he,' and 'The time has come.'

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Do not follow them!

When you hear of wars and insurrections,
do not be terrified; for such things must happen first,
but it will not immediately be the end."

Then he said to them,

"Nation will rise 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 seize and persecute you,

they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons,

and they will have you led before kings and governors
because of my name.

It will lead to your giving testimony.

Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand,

for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking

that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.

You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends,
and they will put some of you to death.

You will be hated by all because of my name,

but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.

By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

Reflection/Video

[Weekend Message ~ Msgr. Tom Nydegger](#)

Discussion Questions

1. What resonated with you from either the Gospel or Weekend Message?
2. When were you a bold witness for Christ?
 - a. What happened?
 - b. How did God give you insight and wisdom?
3. When has Christ worked through you in a moment of distress?

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4. A disciple who can rely on Christ even in moments of profound distress will be able to share God's love with someone who might have otherwise been lost forever. How can you reveal God's presence to those who might otherwise miss it?
5. This message series invites us to come before the Cross of Jesus and seek to understand more fully the "Big Picture" that is salvation. How do the scriptures during the past three weeks put the big picture in sharper focus for you?

Closing Prayer

For whom should we pray?

Glory be to the Father,

And to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now

and ever shall be world without end.

Amen

Closing Song

[In Christ Alone \(Official Lyric Video\) - Keith & Kristyn Getty, Alison Krauss](#)

Looking Ahead

Readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112022.cfm>

Readings: 2 Sam 5:1-3, Ps 122, Col 1:12-20, Lk 23:35-43