

## Missing the Point About... The Temple

### **Mark 13:1-8**

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

"Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

### **P: Thanks be to God.**

- Today we finish our series: "Adventures in Missing the Point."
- Today's sermon is entitled, "Missing the Point About... The Temple."
- The disciples commented to Jesus about the size and beauty of the Temple.
  - They were proud of their Temple, they loved it, and could not imagine worshipping God without it.
  - Building love is still a powerful temptation for the church.
- They have, once again, missed the point. Jesus says that a day is coming when there will not be one stone left on another.
  - In fact, Jesus says that things are going to get worse, not better, and that will only be the beginning of the end.
  - The good news is that the end is coming when all things will be made new.
- We can be thankful for all that we have been given, including our beautiful building, and we can be hopeful for our future.