

How to become unshakable in uncertain times

1. Trust the example and teaching of Jesus

(a radically unshakable life of loving God, loving others and living the mission)

Acts 4:13 Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were marveling, and *began* to recognize them as having been with Jesus.

1 Peter 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

Philippians 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

The unshakable example and teaching of Jesus

The predictions of His death

Mark 8:31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

³² And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.

³³ But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter, and said, "Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

³⁴ And He summoned the multitude with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Mark 9:30 And from there they went out and *began* to go through Galilee, and He was unwilling for anyone to know *about it*.

³¹ For He was teaching His disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed, He will rise three days later."

³² But they did not understand *this* statement, and they were afraid to ask Him.

³³ And they came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house, He *began* to question them, "What were you discussing on the way?"

³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which *of them* was the greatest.

³⁵ And sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, "If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all."

Mark 10:32 And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him,

³³ *saying*, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, and will deliver Him to the Gentiles.

³⁴ "And they will mock Him and spit upon Him, and scourge Him, and kill *Him*, and three days later He will rise again."

³⁵ And James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Him, saying to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You."

³⁶ And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

³⁷ And they said to Him, "Grant that we may sit in Your glory, one on Your right, and one on *Your* left."

The plot

John 11:55 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover, to purify themselves.

⁵⁶ Therefore they were seeking for Jesus, and were saying to one another, as they stood in the temple, "What do you think; that He will not come to the feast at all?"

⁵⁷ Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he should report it, that they might seize Him.

12:1 Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

Palm Sunday

John 12:9 The great multitude therefore of the Jews learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead.

¹⁰ But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lazarus to death also;

¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews were going away, and were believing in Jesus.

¹² On the next day the great multitude who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

¹³ took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet Him, and *began* to cry out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel."

¹⁴ And Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written,

¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, seated on a donkey's colt."

¹⁶ These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him.

¹⁷ And so the multitude who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, were bearing Him witness.

¹⁸ For this cause also the multitude went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign.

¹⁹ The Pharisees therefore said to one another, "You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him."

Luke 19:41 And when He approached, He saw the city and wept over it,

⁴² saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes.

⁴³ "For the days shall come upon you when your enemies will throw up a bank before you, and surround you, and hem you in on every side,

⁴⁴ and will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."

⁴⁵ And He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were selling,

⁴⁶ saying to them, "It is written, 'And My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a robbers' den."

The temple

Mark 11:15 And they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to cast out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who were selling doves;

¹⁶ and He would not permit anyone to carry goods through the temple.

¹⁷ And He *began* to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a robbers' den."

¹⁸ And the chief priests and the scribes heard *this*, and *began* seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for all the multitude was astonished at His teaching.

