

# New Vine Fellowship Sermon Outline April 12, 2026

## Message: "BACK IN JERUSALEM"

### I. FOUNDATIONS:

#### **John 3:16 (NIV)**

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

#### **John 14:6 (NIV)**

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

### II. Review: THE TEMPLE

#### **A. The Rich & Widow Luke 21:1-2 (NLT)**

1 While Jesus was in the Temple, he watched the rich people dropping their gifts in the collection box. 2 Then a poor widow came by and dropped in two small coins.

#### **B. Widow's Gift Luke 21:3-4 (NLT)**

3 "I tell you the truth," Jesus said, "this poor widow has given more than all the rest of them. 4 For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."

#### **C. Demolished Luke 21:5-6 (NLT)**

5 Some of his disciples began talking about the majestic stonework of the Temple and the memorial decorations on the walls. But Jesus said, 6 "The time is coming when all these things will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!"

#### **D. The Questions Luke 21:7 (NLT)**

7 "Teacher," they asked, "when will all this happen? What sign will show us that these things are about to take place?"

### III. REVIEW: ABOUT THE END

#### **A. False Messiahs Luke 21:8 (NLT)**

8 He replied, "Don't let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and saying, 'The time has come!' But don't believe them.

#### **B. Don't Panic Luke 21:9-11 (NLT)**

9 And when you hear of wars and insurrections, don't panic. Yes, these things must take place first, but the end won't follow immediately." 10 Then he added, "Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 There will be great earthquakes, and there will be famines and plagues in many lands, and there will be terrifying things and great miraculous signs from heaven.

#### **C. Persecution Luke 21:12-13 (NLT)**

12 "But before all this occurs, there will be a time of great persecution. You will be dragged into synagogues and prisons, and you will stand trial before kings and governors because you are my followers. 13 But this will be your opportunity to tell them about me.

#### **D. Don't Worry Luke 21:14-15 (NLT)**

14 So don't worry in advance about how to answer the charges against you, 15 for I will give you the right words and such wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to reply or refute you!

#### **E. Hatred Luke 21:16-17 (NLT)**

16 Even those closest to you—your parents, brothers, relatives, and friends—will betray you. They will even kill some of you. 17 And everyone will hate you because you are my followers.

#### **F. Stand Firm Luke 21:18-19 (NLT)**

18 But not a hair of your head will perish! 19 By standing firm, you will win your souls.

### IV. REVIEW: ABOUT JERUSALEM

#### **A. Flee Luke 21:20-21 (NLT)**

20 "And when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then you will know that the time of its destruction has arrived. 21 Then those in Judea must flee to the hills. Those in Jerusalem must get out, and those out in the country should not return to the city.

**B. God's Vengeance**      **Luke 21:22-24 (NLT)**

22 For those will be days of God's vengeance, and the prophetic words of the Scriptures will be fulfilled. 23 How terrible it will be for pregnant women and for nursing mothers in those days. For there will be disaster in the land and great anger against this people. 24 They will be killed by the sword or sent away as captives to all the nations of the world. And Jerusalem will be trampled down by the Gentiles until the period of the Gentiles comes to an end.

**C. Strange Signs**      **Luke 21:25-26 (NLT)**

25 "And there will be strange signs in the sun, moon, and stars. And here on earth the nations will be in turmoil, perplexed by the roaring seas and strange tides.

26 People will be terrified at what they see coming upon the earth, for the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

**D. Look Up**      **Luke 21:27-28 (NLT)**

27 Then everyone will see the Son of Man coming on a cloud with power and great glory. 28 So when all these things begin to happen, stand and look up, for your salvation is near!"

**E. Fig Tree**      **Luke 21:29-31 (NLT)**

29 Then he gave them this illustration: "Notice the fig tree, or any other tree. 30 When the leaves come out, you know without being told that summer is near. 31 In the same way, when you see all these things taking place, you can know that the Kingdom of God is near.

**F. My Words**      **Luke 21:32-33 (NLT)**

32 I tell you the truth, this generation will not pass from the scene until all these things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

**G. Watch Out**      **Luke 21:34-36 (NLT)**

34 "Watch out! Don't let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries 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 Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man."

**H. Temple & Mt. of Olives**      **Luke 21:37-38 (NLT)**

37 Every day Jesus went to the Temple to teach, and each evening he returned to spend the night on the Mount of Olives. 38 The crowds gathered at the Temple early each morning to hear him.

**V. THE PASSOVER**

**A. The Plot**      **Luke 22:1-2 (NLT)**

1 The Festival of Unleavened Bread, which is also called Passover, was approaching. 2 The leading priests and teachers of religious law were plotting how to kill Jesus, but they were afraid of the people's reaction.

**B. Judas Iscariot**      **Luke 22:3-6 (NLT)**

3 Then Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples, 4 and he went to the leading priests and captains of the Temple guard to discuss the best way to betray Jesus to them. 5 They were delighted, and they promised to give him money. 6 So he agreed and began looking for an opportunity to betray Jesus so they could arrest him when the crowds weren't around.

**C. The Festival**      **Luke 22:7-9 (NLT)**

7 Now the Festival of Unleavened Bread arrived, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed. 8 Jesus sent Peter and John ahead and said, "Go and prepare the Passover meal, so we can eat it together." 9 "Where do you want us to prepare it?" they asked him.

**D. The Upper Room**      **Luke 22:10-12 (NLT)**

10 He replied, "As soon as you enter Jerusalem, a man carrying a pitcher of water will meet you. Follow him. At the house he enters, 11 say to the owner, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?' 12 He will take you upstairs to a large room that is already set up. That is where you should prepare our meal."

**E. The Passover Meal**      **Luke 22:13-16 (NLT)**

13 They went off to the city and found everything just as Jesus had said, and they prepared the Passover meal there. 14 When the time came, Jesus and the apostles sat down together at the table. 15 Jesus said, "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. 16 For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God."

**F. The Wine & Bread**      **Luke 22:17-19 (NLT)**

17 Then he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. 18 For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come." 19 He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

**G. New Covenant**      **Luke 22:20 (NLT)**

20 After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you."

**VI. THE BETRAYAL**

**A. The Friend**      **Luke 22:21-22 (NLT)**

21 "But here at this table, sitting among us as a friend, is the man who will betray me. 22 For it has been determined that the Son of Man must die. But what sorrow awaits the one who betrays him."

**B. The Disciples**      **Luke 22:23-24 (NLT)**

23 The disciples began to ask each other which of them would ever do such a thing. 24 Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them.

**C. The Servant**      **Luke 22:25-27 (NLT)**

25 Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' 26 But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. 27 Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves."

**D. True Disciples**      **Luke 22:28-30 (NLT)**

28 "You have stayed with me in my time of trial. 29 And just as my Father has granted me a Kingdom, I now grant you the right 30 to eat and drink at my table in my Kingdom. And you will sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

**E. Simon Peter**      **Luke 22:31-34 (NLT)**

31 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. 32 But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers." 33 Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you." 34 But Jesus said, "Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me."

**F. New Instructions**      **Luke 22:35-37 (NLT)**

35 Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you out to preach the Good News and you did not have money, a traveler's bag, or an extra pair of sandals, did you need anything?" "No," they replied. 36 "But now," he said, "take your money and a traveler's bag. And if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one! 37 For the time has come for this prophecy about me to be fulfilled: 'He was counted among the rebels.' Yes, everything written about me by the prophets will come true."

**VII. ON THE MOUNTAIN**

**A. Mount of Olives**      **Luke 22:38-40 (NLT)**

38 "Look, Lord," they replied, "we have two swords among us." "That's enough," he said. 39 Then, accompanied by the disciples, Jesus left the upstairs room and went as usual to the Mount of Olives. 40 There he told them, "Pray that you will not give in to temptation."

**B. Jesus' Prayer**      **Luke 22:41-43 (NLT)**

41 He walked away, about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." 43 Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him.

**C. The Disciples Again**      **Luke 22:44-46 (NLT)**

44 He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood. 45 At last he stood up again and returned to the disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted from grief. 46 "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation."

**D. The Kiss**      **Luke 22:47-48 (NLT)**

47 But even as Jesus said this, a crowd approached, led by Judas, one of the twelve disciples. Judas walked over to Jesus to greet him with a kiss. 48 But Jesus said, "Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?"

**E. Swords**      **Luke 22:49-51 (NLT)**

49 When the other disciples saw what was about to happen, they exclaimed, "Lord, should we fight? We brought the swords!" 50 And one of them struck at the high priest's slave, slashing off his right ear. 51 But Jesus said, "No more of this." And he touched the man's ear and healed him.

**F. The Arrest**      **Luke 22:52-54 (NLT)**

52 Then Jesus spoke to the leading priests, the captains of the Temple guard, and the elders who had come for him. "Am I some dangerous revolutionary," he asked, "that you come with swords and clubs to arrest me? 53 Why didn't you arrest me in the Temple? I was there every day. But this is your moment, the time when the power of darkness reigns." 54 So they arrested him and led him to the high priest's home. And Peter followed at a distance.

**G. Denial**      **Luke 22:55-57 (NLT)**

55 The guards lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter joined them there. 56 A servant girl noticed him in the firelight and began staring at him. Finally she said, "This man was one of Jesus' followers!" 57 But Peter denied it. "Woman," he said, "I don't even know him!"

**H. The Rooster**      **Luke 22:58-60 (NLT)**

58 After a while someone else looked at him and said, "You must be one of them!" "No, man, I'm not!" Peter retorted. 59 About an hour later someone else insisted, "This must be one of them, because he is a Galilean, too." 60 But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.

**I. Three Times**      **Luke 22:61-62 (NLT)**

61 At that moment the Lord turned and looked at Peter. Suddenly, the Lord's words flashed through Peter's mind: "Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me." 62 And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly.

**VIII. THE TRIAL**

**A. Guards**      **Luke 22:63-65 (NLT)**

63 The guards in charge of Jesus began mocking and beating him. 64 They blindfolded him and said, "Prophecy to us! Who hit you that time?" 65 And they hurled all sorts of terrible insults at him.

**B. High Council**      **Luke 22:66-68 (NLT)**

66 At daybreak all the elders of the people assembled, including the leading priests and the teachers of religious law. Jesus was led before this high council, 67 and they said, "Tell us, are you the Messiah?" But he replied, "If I tell you, you won't believe me. 68 And if I ask you a question, you won't answer.

**C. Son of God**      **Luke 22:69-71 (NLT)**

69 But from now on the Son of Man will be seated in the place of power at God's right hand." 70 They all shouted, "So, are you claiming to be the Son of God?" And he replied, "You say that I am." 71 "Why do we need other witnesses?" they said. "We ourselves heard him say it."