



# Breaking Open the Word - 2022 -

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

Lectionary: 3

## Gospel Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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**Spiritual Reflection:** Jesus’ answer regarding the end times, hint at the undoing of the order of creation. In the creation story God created the stars, moon, and sun, and placed them in right order. He also spoke and the dry land was created from the sea. But his message is a message of hope because even if all those things do unravel, He remains the same and if He remains the same then His love for us does as well. He is beyond creation as much as a painter is beyond his or her painting.

## Spiritual Questions:

1. Do you worry about the end of the world?
2. What would you think happen first – the end of the world or the end of your life on earth?
3. How does removing God’s order from your life through sin lead to destruction?
4. How is God greater than all his creation?
5. Should Christians have a fear of the end times?