

DO NOT FEAR ABOUT YOUR LIFE

Luke 12:1-12

Key Verses: 12:4,5

"I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him."

Study Questions:

1. Read verse 1. (Compare 11:29) Why do you think the people gathered in spite of Jesus' rebukes? (See Jn 10:14) [How committed was the crowd?--(Lk 23:21)]
2. What did Jesus warn his disciples? What did he mean by "yeast"? Read verses 2-3. In a world full of betrayal and lies, what is the character of truth? How can we avoid hypocrisy and stand on the side of truth?
3. Read verses 4-7. Why should Jesus' people not fear physical death? (Ecc 3:2) What (whom) should we fear? Why? (2Co 5:10) What difference does it make to know that God is the Sovereign Owner of our lives?
4. Read verses 8-12. How should we live if we are not afraid of death? If we trust God for our future security? If we fear God? Can you think of any illustrations from history, life or the Bible?