

What Upsets You?

Luke 21:5-19

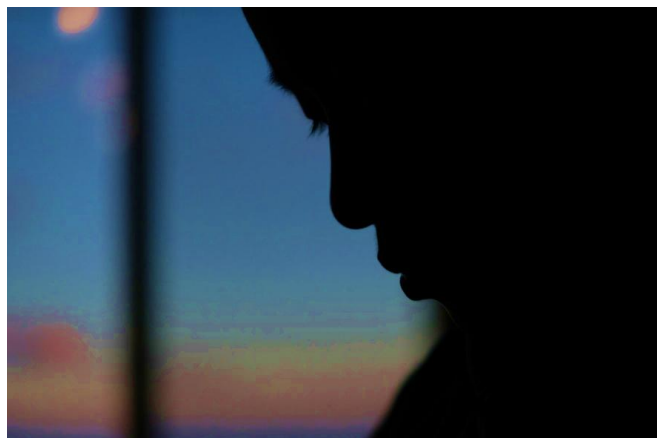
Recently a fellow minister took exception to something I wrote. I don't know all of his motivations so it's difficult for me to judge him. I definitely need to consider the possibility that what I wrote was vague.

How preachers and Bible students keep misunderstanding Jesus in this text is much harder to understand. He spoke clearly: "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things will take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

Nonetheless, following the lead of many well-known ministers, many Christians do fret about wars and rumors of wars. They worry about the decisions of presidents, prime ministers, and dictators. Actions and inaction of the U.S. Congress keep them in a constant dither.

Jesus told us not to let world affairs upset us; we trust in the Lord's care and continue telling his Good News. Fretting about governments kills more people than wars do and it separates us from God. "By your endurance" said Jesus, "you will gain your souls."

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