

There Are Certain Days When No One Rejoices

(The LORD Always Sees)

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1. Where is Ezekiel in this vision and who is his guide, (see 8:1-4)?
2. Ezekiel sees seven men. What are they given to do and with what tools? Did days like this occur in the Bible? How do they make you feel?
3. As a Christian we are very aware of an event like this coming in the future (Heb. 9:27, 2 Cor. 5:10, Rom 14:11-12). Can you describe it? (2 Thess. 1)? How will you feel on that day? How should it move us now, (2 Cor. 5:11)?
4. What are we told that people are saying about the Lord in our text, (see v 9; 8:12)? Why do you think they might say that? (Perhaps several reasons but note 8:6; Is 59:1-2; Rom 6:23... what is "death" spiritually? Eph. 2:4-5)
5. When the men begin killing unmarked people (vs. 5-8) what does Ezekiel do? Say? What is God's answer? Do you think that satisfies Ezekiel? Why?

Reflect:

1. If you had lived in Jerusalem would you have been marked? Why or why not?
2. Are you supposed to be different than the people around you? How do you think you are? If seven of your neighbors and coworkers were interviewed, what would they say is different about you?
3. From Matt. 28:18-20, Jn. 13:34-35, 1 Cor. 13 and Gal. 5:22-23, what is suppose to mark the Christian? What can you do this week to make your mark more visible?

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