

PARABLES

JESUS THE STORYTELLER

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Part 12 | **Figs, The End, & Jesus**

Matthew 24:32-35 (Matthew 24, Luke 21, Mark 13)

We should **PAY ATTENTION** to the times

don't be led astray Matthew 24:4-5

don't be alarmed Matthew 24:6-7

don't ignore the contractions Matthew 24:8

—not with **FEARFUL HEARTS**

expect to be persecuted Matthew 24:9

expect many to fall away Matthew 24:10-11; John 6:60-71

expect moral decay Matthew 24:12

but with **GREAT HOPE!**

stand firm! be ready! be joyful! Matthew 24:13-14

parable of the fig tree Matthew 24:32-35

"When these things begin to take place, stand up. Hold your head up with joy and hope. The time when you will be set free will be very close." — Jesus in Luke 21:28

pay attention, obey the Lord, pray for strength, protection, and joy Luke 21:24-26





Food for Thought...

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

1. This weekend, we looked at Jesus's prophecy about some of the end times and his return. The Bible also speaks about judgment at that time for all individuals. The topic of judgment can be uncomfortable or confusing to many people, and it's hardly politically correct these days. That's why it's important for us to take a look at what Jesus and the Bible actually say about it. How does the Bible describe the reality and consequences of judgment in each of the following verses?

Matthew 13:42

Matthew 25:41, 46

2 Thessalonians 1:9-10

Revelation 14:9-12

Because of the severity of the biblical descriptions of judgment and hell, some people question how it fits in with God's love. How do you reconcile God's love with the truth that he will also judge people?

2. Fear is one of those responses/emotions that can be confusing to understand, especially when you begin talking about God's judgment. How do the following verses help you understand what it means to have a healthy fear of God as opposed to a fear that paralyzes us or causes us to live in worry or dread?

Proverbs 16:6

Proverbs 1:32-33

Jeremiah 32:39-40

3. All of us want to be ready for Christ's return, and to know what to do before he returns. How does **1 Peter 4:7-11** help us live out this week's teaching?

Looking at your responses to the verse above, rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 5. Is there anything you'd like to work to improve on or make sure you continue to do?

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Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for Matthew 24:32-35 (ESV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

³²“From the fig **tree learn** its **lesson**: as **soon** as its **branch becomes tender** and **puts** out its **leaves**, you **know** that **summer** is near. ³³So **also**, when you see all these **things**, you **know** that he is near, at the **very gates**. ³⁴**Truly**, I say to you, this **generation** will not **pass away** until all these **things take place**.

³⁵ **Heaven** and **earth** will **pass away**, but my words will not **pass away**.