

Matt 24:32-44 Week 84

The Sign of the Fig Tree

Matt 24:32 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. 33 Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. 34 I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. 36 "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37 As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38 For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39 and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

- The budding of the fig tree is “the _____” that we have arrived at the end times.
- In scripture, _____ trees symbolize the nation of Israel.

1. The _____:

John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

- They are now the _____ branch.

2. The _____ Branch:

Rom 11:11 Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. 12 But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring!
Jer 11:16 The LORD called you a thriving olive tree with fruit beautiful in form. But with the roar of a mighty storm he will set it on fire, and its branches will be broken.

- If you _____ and walk with me, how much more would you be my chosen people?
- The Gentiles: these are wild olive branches _____ into God's family when Israel refused God's plan.

- Israel will finally reach its spiritual _____ that was rightfully theirs but taken from them because of unbelief.

3. The _____ Tree

- This represents Israel as a picture of the time when Israel _____ Christ till the time they _____ Christ as the true Messiah.

Is this a prophesy?

- It is not primarily used as a prophecy but as an _____ to express the enduring quality of the Word of God.
- But that event will occur a _____ after the return of Christ, when heaven and earth, as we now know them, will cease to _____.

Matt 24:34 I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

- What generation is he talking about?
- Why is He vague? To prevent _____ - _____.

The Sign of the Flood

- The _____ on the earth in Noah's day and today are pretty much the same. People in both times were _____ and _____ with secular humanism.
- Several characteristics of both days:
 - Spiritual _____
 - Social _____ to truth
 - Shameless _____, even among the church
 - Strong _____
 - Sudden _____
 - Strong _____

The Signs of the End

- This crucial statement indicates that the days prior to the Lord's return will be marked by the careless _____ to faithful preaching.
- It will also be marked by _____ preaching
- It will finally be marked with Godly _____.