

Bible Study April 15, 2026

Matthew 24: 32- 35 The Lesson of the Fig Tree

It is the time for Jesus to reveal His true mission. He is preparing His followers for His death, and in His resurrection, His coming again. As the fig tree puts on new leaves, you know the summer and the harvest are near. It is springtime in Jerusalem, and the fig trees are at the same stage as they are here, budding and putting on new leaves. We have just celebrated Easter, and the latest date for Easter is April 25. The earliest is March 22. Jesus was crucified on either Friday April 3, or Friday April 7, depending on which calendar you use. It was most likely Friday, April 3, 33 AD as this coincides with a partial lunar eclipse of April 3, 33 AD. (Rev. 6:12).

“This generation will not pass away until all things take place.” This can mean several things – 1. Jesus’ disciples will witness His death, resurrection, and ascension. 2. The disciples of Jesus can include the original group, as well as all believers, past, present, and future.

“My words will not pass away.” The teaching of Christ, the Bible, are supreme authority. “All scripture is God breathed...” (I Timothy 3:16).

Matthew 24: 36-51 No One Knows That day and Hour

The disciples had asked, “When will these things be?” No one knows, not the angels, not the Son, only the Father. Jesus is speaking of His human nature. He learned as a human, felt our emotions and human needs, but was still God. He is letting us know it will be according to the timeline of God, not our timeline. Jesus was fully God and fully man.

The judgement is coming, one will be taken, and one will be left. Jesus calls us to be awake, living in full anticipation that today may be the day. The homeowner, the thief, the faithful servant, the unfaithful servant, we all need to “stay awake.”

All this to encourage our faithfulness to the Lord, it is not to scare or threaten us. This is not to make us end-time experts but sincere followers of CHRIST.

FOR REFLECTION

Eschatology – The study of theological “last things,” including but not limited to death, judgement, the resurrection and return of Christ (Second Coming).

Premillennialism – Literal 1000-year reign of Christ after a pre-tribulation rapture

Amillennialism – interprets the “millennium” as the current church age – where we are now

Postmillennialism – the world will become progressively “more Christian” before Christ’s return

Eschatology is studied to help provide hope and consolation, motivation for action, a sense of purpose, and to live as prepared individuals to welcome new believers and Christ Himself.