

Lesson From The Fig Tree

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Text

Luke 21:29-33

Objective

To remind every believer the certainty of the Lord's second coming.

Introduction

Jesus prophesied two events we must prepare for. First is tribulation and the other is His second coming. Our generation has certainly seen tribulation- Wars, Famine & Pestilence, Earthquakes, Volcanic Eruption, Sorrow, and Persecution of our co- believer under communist and Islamic country. Jesus used the image of a fig tree to teach His disciples (Christian Believers) an important lesson about discerning the “ Signs of the Times”.

[Check the response : Ask if they believe in Jesus , ask if they believe he died and rose again , ask if they believe He is coming back again? ,if the response is silent , then the silence means they are not ready to meet Christ]

I. The prophesy of His second coming- V. 29-30

- a. Tribulation- v. 8-28
- b. Second coming- Acts 1:9-11,1John 3:2,Rev 1:7,3:11-12

II. The warning and Signs of His second coming – v. 31

- a. False prophets-(v. 28) - Many will come claiming to be Messiah.
[Those who prophesy Jesus is coming back- Willie Miller-1845- Adventist, Charles Russel – 1914 Jehovah, Herbert Armstrong –WCG1975]
- b. Wars- (v. 9-10) - There will be wars and revolutions.
- c. Calamity- (v. 11) - Earthquakes, Famines , Pestilences will occur.
- d. Persecution- (v. 12, 16-17) - Believers everywhere will be hated and persecuted

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because of their allegiance to Jesus.

- e. Death- (v. 24a) - People will be killed and or enslaved.
- f. Destruction-(24 b) - Jerusalem will be trampled or destroyed & occupied by the Gentiles –AD 70 Antiochus
- g. Distress- (v. 26) - The most courageous hearts will melt with fear.
- h. Delight- (v. 27-28) - Son of man coming in a cloud with power and glory.

III. The certainty of His second coming- v. 32-33- God reveals the promise of the

Second Coming in His Holy Word. Apart from the Bible, we would be clueless about the future and God's role in it. (Isaiah 40:8 ,Titus 1:2, Matt. 5: 18)

Conclusion:

We do not know when the Lord will return again. But the Lord does give us signs, not only to wake us up as a warning, but also to rouse our spirits to be ever ready and eager to see His kingdom come in all its power and glory. It will be a day of Judgment for those who reject the Kingdom of God, but it will be a day of joy and rejoicing for those who long to see our Lord face to face. He surely comes to us each day and knocks on the doors of our hearts. And He will surely come again to fulfill His kingdom in all its fullness. Be awake, alert , watchful and prepared. (Mark 13: 32-33, Matt. 24:36)