



Today's Message

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Title: *Fig Trees, Faith, and the Word of God*

Text: Luke 21:29–33 (ESV)

²⁹ And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Introduction: Jesus sat on the western slopes of the Mount of Olives overlooking the magnificent temple in Jerusalem. As another day in his passion week drew to a close, he explained to four of his disciples that Israel’s rejection of him would bring universal consequences. These consequences would intensify beyond imagination. In 21:25-28, he foretold the events that will occur immediately preceding his second coming. In today’s text, Jesus offers his followers assurance that all this will come to pass just as he promised.

I. Jesus told a parable to explain how to read the signs of his coming. 29-31

- A. Spring leaves on the fig tree promise summer is near. 29-30

- B. In the same way, those who see the signs described in 21:25-26 will know the King is about to appear. 31

II. Jesus made a promise to protect the generation of believers that sees the signs of his coming. 32

- A. He made a specific promise.
- B. He made a solemn promise.
- C. He made an emphatic promise.

III. Jesus grounded the certainty of his promise in the character of God. 33

- A. All things are temporal.
- B. But God (Jesus) and his words are eternal.

Today's take-home truth: Jesus' words will never fail; he will do everything he has promised.

Jesus has promised in this chapter:

1. Jesus the King will come again.
2. Jesus the King will deliver justice to his foes.
3. Jesus the King will secure his people and bring them home.
4. Jesus the King will reign forever.