

# Are we near Christ's coming?

Grace Bible Chapel

Olivet Discourse Outline #7 – Matt. 24:32-35

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**Context:** Our Lord has been answering very complex questions from His disciples – “When will these things happen (reference the Temple destruction), and what will be the sign of your coming (when Christ has not yet gone to the cross), and of the end of the age” (a reference to Daniel’s prophecy of the end of Gentile dominance). The first question about the Temple is answered in Luke 21:20-24, a parallel account. In Matthew, Christ has skipped over the Church age which would come and go (of which the disciples would be yet unaware) and has taken them through the time of the future tribulation (prophesied in the Old Testament) in some detail to answer the two-part second question of when. Then He has said that He will come immediately after the days of tribulation (Matt. 24:29). In our study today, He responds to the timing of His coming with the “Parable of the Fig Tree.” For us to grasp the meaning of this parable, we must take a comprehensive background approach to our Lord’s words.

**Broad outline (underlined is the immediate context).**

- I. Complex Questions
- II. Circumstances
- III. Compelling Answers (Matt. 24:1-41)
  - A. Conditions in the first half (4-14)
  - B. Conditions in the second half (15-28)
  - C. Coming of Christ (29-31)
  - D. Christ’s “when” application (32-41)

### Key Words (Matt. 24:32-35)

- near (2)
- things (2)
- generation
- learn
- parable
- recognize

Introduction:

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D. Christ’s “when” application (Matt. 24:32-41)

• Simple analogy (Vs. 32)

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• Sensible awareness (Vs. 33-34)

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• Surety of Christ’s words (Vs. 35)

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Closing:

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