

# Bible Study on PREPARE — Luke 21:25-36

## For Sunday December 18, 2022

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### Luke 21:25-36 (ESV)

#### The Coming of the Son of Man

<sup>25</sup> “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

#### The Lesson of the Fig Tree

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

#### Watch Yourself

<sup>34</sup> “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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1. In general, how does your behavior change when you are excited and anticipating something to happen?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What would you say is Jesus main idea in verses 25-28?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Using an image from nature, what point is Jesus making in verses 29-33?

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4. Luke 21:20-24 talk about the destruction of the temple. This event occurred long in the past, but what does this passage tell us about living in a world, like Jerusalem, that often rejects Jesus' message?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. In verses 34-36, how does Jesus say his followers are to live while they wait?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Followers of Jesus today are also in a waiting time. In our day-to-day lives, what can make following Jesus a weary and difficult path?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. If you knew that Jesus was to return in a month, how would your life change? What things would be less important and what things would be more important?