

Lessons From Nature And History

Matthew 24:32-42

Intro:

- A. **Jesus answered His disciples' questions.**
 - 1. "When shall these things be?"
 - 2. "What shall be the sign of thy coming?"
- B. **His answers were direct, to the point.**
 - 1. The first, vs.4-28
 - 2. The second, vs.29-31

I. A Lesson From Nature.

- A. **"Now learn a parable of the fig tree"**
 - 1. Tender branches and leafing. **V.32**
 - 2. "Ye know that summer is nigh"
- B. **The application.**
 - 1. This applies to question #1 and #2 **v.33**
 - 2. "...when ye shall see all these things..."
 - 3. "...it is near even at the doors..."
 - 4. When these disciples saw verse 15 being fulfilled they knew that Jerusalem would be destroyed.
 - 5. When disciples in the future saw the signs listed in verse 29 they are to know the kingdom is near. Luke 21:28 - "Your redemption draweth near." "...the kingdom of God is nigh at hand."
 - 6. The destruction of Jerusalem, "these things" during the lifetime of those listening to Him. **V.34**
 - 7. Everything Jesus has said in answering these questions will come to pass. **V.35**

II. A Lesson From History.

- A. **Jesus taught them about the last question, "the sign of thy coming."**
 - 1. No man, no angel, knows the day or the hour. God's people may know the season.
 - 2. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8
- B. **A lesson from the days of Noah.**

1. The formal comparison. **V.37**
2. Things were "normal". **V.38**
3. Those other than Noah's family were unbelieving of Noah's message. **V.39**

C. The taking away.

1. Two shall be in the field. **V.40**
2. Two shall be grinding at the mill. **V.41**
3. Paul's writing on this subject. 1
Thessalonians 4:13-17
4. Again the catching away.
5. Paul informs the Corinthians. 1 Corinthians
15:51-52