

THE REALLY GOOD LIFE!

The Life of Christ Series
Gospel of Luke

Vigilance and Diligence **Luke 21:29-38**

In previous verses Jesus made several predictions. He foretold and revealed signs that will lead to the destruction of the temple. He predicted the persecution of His followers preceding the temple destruction. Jesus described the destruction of Jerusalem and provided instructions for His disciples. Then he provided signs of the end times.

In the next five verses He gives a Parable of the Fig Tree. This describes the *season* of His coming. If they are vigilant, they will be aware of the time of His coming. In the last five verses of this chapter, He forewarns them to be diligent with their walk. With diligence and prayer, they will not be trapped with the lust of this world.

“Be Vigilant” (Luke 21:29-33)

²⁹ Then He spoke to them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰ When they are already budding, you see and know for yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹ So you also, when you see these things happening, know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all things take place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

- In this parable, Jesus tells them to observe certain things. What are “*these things*”?
- Jesus says, “*heaven and earth will pass away*,” how does this impact how you live your life and set your priorities?
- Jesus also says that *His words will not pass away*, why is that important to not just know this but believe it?

“Be Diligent” (Luke 21:34-38)

³⁴ “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

³⁷ And in the daytime, He was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet. ³⁸ Then early in the morning all the people came to Him in the temple to hear Him.

- Jesus is clearly providing information for His coming, so how would His coming be *unexpected*?
- How would someone be counted *worthy* and stand before the Lord?