

The Sign for the Beginning of the End Time (Matt 24:32-33): Preached 04/22/18

The second question that the disciples asked Jesus follows: "What is the sign for the beginning of the end-time?" Jesus mentioned the "Parable of the Fig Tree," which he gave to the disciples in the third year of his public ministry (A.D.32), recorded only in Luke 13:1-9. He had just put that parable into practice by cursing a fig tree that had leaves but no fruit. He predicted that when the dead fig tree is alive again, it will be near the time of his second coming. Biblical evidences suggest that the fig tree represents the human centered religions, in which salvation is by human works; it is associated with Judaism, the Israelites, and the state of Israel.