



B.L.U.F. (Bottom Line Up Front): *The anticipated coming of Jesus shapes my life today.*

Context: Jesus set the tone for an anticipation that He would return to the Mount of Olives. The New Testament sets forth the Christian hope of Jesus' return and ends with a prayer "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

1. When Will Jesus C _____ Back? v. 29-33

What is this "fig tree" and who is "this generation"? So simple a parable that has become so complicated a teaching!

- 1) The Fig Tree v. 29-30 It's just a fig tree!
- 2) This Generation v. 31-32
If you see "these things" – v. 10-11, 25-26 then you will see Jesus return!

This is going to happen! v. 32a, 33

2. How Does Jesus' Coming I _____ Me Now? v. 34-36

How should a knowledge of the future impact how I live in the present? The end of this world and the 2nd coming of Jesus will be like a "snare" – a sudden, unexpected event. v. 34b-35

2 Peter 3 – two catastrophic events that change life on earth. Both were/will be unexpected and catch people off guard – a global flood and Jesus' 2nd Coming.

- 1) Pay Attention – Don't Be Like the World v. 34a
- 2) Stay Awake – Pray v. 36 (see Revelation 7:9-17)

Knowing the future impacts today – see Romans 13:11-14 and 2 Peter 3.