



WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF  
**THE END TIMES?**



MATTHEW 24

## **Sermon Overview**

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## PART THREE

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*<sup>29</sup> “Immediately after the distress of those days “ ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’*

*<sup>30</sup> “At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.*

*<sup>31</sup> And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.*

*<sup>32</sup> “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.*

*<sup>33</sup> Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.*

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## **SUSTAINING ALL THINGS**

Scripture tells us that God is not only the creator of the universe, but also the sustainer of it. As Christ's second coming approaches, natural disasters, which have always been a part of the human experience, will increase in frequency and intensity before astronomical disasters follow suit. Immediately after, Christ will return.

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### **MATTHEW 24:30**

Verse 30 indicates that Christ's appearance will be the very final sign, shining brightly in splendor, and that those who have rejected Him will mourn at His appearance. We will finally be able to see God in His full glory, something that no human being has ever experienced. As the world watches, Jesus will gather His elect from around the globe.

## **THE FIG TREE**

Jesus proceeds to use a parable of a fig tree indicating the changing of seasons. He is calling all to realize that the increasing birth pains show that judgment is not far away.

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### **MATTHEW 24:32-35**

He then proceeds to encourage the generation that will witness these things that they will not pass away before He returns.

The time to repent and recognize the need for a savior is now. Heaven and Earth may pass away, but all of Jesus’s words will be fulfilled.

As bleak as things look now, there is still yet hope for revival, which can only happen when God’s people repent of their sin and turn to Him.