



Watching for Spiritual Seasons in the Gospels



Explore key Gospel passages with a focus on Luke 21:29–31 to discern spiritual seasons and recognize God's unfolding plan.



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Introduction

Welcome to this three-day journey through the Gospels, where we will learn to watch for spiritual seasons and signs just as Jesus illustrated with the budding fig tree in *Luke 21:29–31*. The Gospels bring the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ to the forefront, providing rich lessons for our daily walk with God.

Jesus often used natural imagery to help His followers understand spiritual truths. In the budding fig tree parable, He invites us to recognize the signs of the times and to be alert to God's unfolding purposes. As seasons change in nature, so do seasons in our spiritual lives and in history, calling us to attentiveness and readiness.

During these studies, you will engage with Scripture to sharpen your awareness of God's timing, strengthen your faith in His promises, and cultivate a lifestyle of spiritual vigilance. Each day, we will reflect on passages that illuminate different aspects of this theme, encouraging you to watch actively and discern wisely.

May this time deepen your understanding of the Gospels and inspire you to be watchful as you anticipate God's movement in your life and beyond. Let's begin this insightful exploration together, embracing the lessons in both nature and God's Word to help us stay rooted and prepared.





Day 1: 🌿 Recognizing Spiritual Seasons



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Your Verse

Luke 21:29-31 NIV - 'He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near.'"

Supporting Scriptures

- *Ecclesiastes 3:1 - "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."*
- *Mark 13:28 - "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."*



Day 1: 🌿 Recognizing Spiritual Seasons

Devotional: Understanding God's Spiritual Timetable

Jesus uses the fig tree as a vivid illustration to teach about spiritual seasons and timing. Just as the natural world follows cycles and signals change, our spiritual journeys also move through seasons of growth, waiting, and fulfillment.

Luke 21:29–31 reminds us to be observant and discerning—when the fig tree buds, summer is near. This parable emphasizes that believers should develop spiritual eyes to detect God's unfolding plan rather than ignoring the signs or living unaware. Recognizing these seasons calls us to be alert and ready for the events God has set in motion, including Jesus' promises and the coming Kingdom.

Sometimes spiritual seasons are marked by renewal and growth; other times by testing and waiting. Paying close attention to God's Word and the movement of the Holy Spirit equips us to respond with faith and obedience. Are you watching for the sprouting leaves—indicators that God's promises are about to be fulfilled in your life?

Let this encourage you today to seek sensitivity to the timing God is working. Trust that He is purposefully leading you through every season for your growth and His glory.



Day 1: 🌿 Recognizing Spiritual Seasons

Reflect and Apply

1. What spiritual seasons have you experienced recently, and how did you recognize them?

2. In what ways can you cultivate greater awareness of God's timing in your life?

3. How does the example of the fig tree challenge or encourage your faith journey?



Day 1: 🌿 Recognizing Spiritual Seasons

Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when you noticed a clear change or "sign" in your spiritual life.

2. List practical steps you can take to become more spiritually vigilant.

3. Describe what 'summer' or fruitfulness looks like for you personally.



Day 1: 🌿 Recognizing Spiritual Seasons

Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, *thank You for revealing Your divine timing through the simplicity of a fig tree.* Help me to discern the seasons You have placed in my life and to remain watchful for Your signs of growth and promise.

Give me spiritual eyes to see beyond the ordinary and patience to trust in Your perfect plan.

May I always walk in readiness and faith, knowing You are faithful to fulfill Your word.

In Jesus' name, Amen. 🌿 ⌚ 🙏 🌿





Day 2: 👁👁 Watching for Signs of the Kingdom



Day 2: 👁️ Watching for Signs of the Kingdom

Your Verse

Matthew 24:32-33 NIV - "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. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Luke 21:25-28 - "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish... But when these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."*
- *Romans 8:25 - "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."*



Devotional: Spiritual Readiness and Hope

The Gospels invite us not only to identify seasons but to watch for the signs accompanying God's kingdom breaking into the world.

In *Matthew 24:32-33*, Jesus draws our attention to observable signs that signal the nearness of God's promises. These signs include both natural and supernatural events that testify to God's sovereignty and plan. Such awareness nurtures hopeful expectancy rather than fear or complacency.

Being spiritually ready means living with hopeful patience and confidence. The Apostle Paul reminds us in *Romans 8:25* that hope requires waiting, but it is an active, expectant waiting rather than passive delay. Watching for signs strengthens our faith and reminds us that redemption is coming.

Consider how you react when you notice signs of God moving in your life or the world around you. Do they increase your peace and trust? The call is to stand firm and lift your head, knowing your redemption—the ultimate fulfillment of God's promises—is drawing near.

May this truth encourage you to live a life marked by hope, readiness, and joyful anticipation of God's kingdom.



Reflect and Apply

1. How do you currently interpret signs of God's work around you?

2. What fears or doubts arise when you think about waiting for God's promises?

3. How can you cultivate patient hope in your daily walk?



Day 2: 👁️ Watching for Signs of the Kingdom

Journaling Prompts

1. Describe a situation where you felt God's kingdom breaking in your life.

2. Write about your feelings when you think about the 'redemption drawing near.'

3. List ways to grow your faith and hope during times of waiting.



Day 2: 👁️ Watching for Signs of the Kingdom

Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, *thank You for teaching us to watch and wait with hope.* Help me to recognize Your signs and to stand with courage and confidence in Your promises.

Teach me to trust Your timing, even when waiting feels difficult.

Fill me with joy and peace as I anticipate Your kingdom fully revealed.

Come soon, Lord! 🙌 ✨ ⏳ ❤️





Day 3: 🌳 Bearing Fruit in Every Season



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Your Verse

John 15:4-5 NIV - "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine... I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

Supporting Scriptures

- *Galatians 5:22-23 - "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace... against such things there is no law."*
- *Psalms 1:3 - "That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season."*



Day 3: 🌳 Bearing Fruit in Every Season

Devotional: Fruitfulness Through Connection to Christ

As we watch and wait for God's timing, the Gospels remind us that true fruitfulness depends on staying deeply connected to Jesus.

In *John 15:4-5*, Jesus describes Himself as the vine and His followers as branches. Without connection to Him, we wither; abiding in Him produces abundant fruit regardless of season or circumstance. The spiritual seasons we experience all serve to refine and mature us.

Psalms 1:3 beautifully expresses that a life rooted in God nourishes fruitfulness in its proper time. Likewise, the fruit of the Spirit listed in *Galatians 5:22-23* shows how God's transforming work manifests in our character and actions.

Whether in times of waiting, growth, or challenge, staying connected to Christ enables us to bear fruit that glorifies God and blesses others. Reflect on your own connection with Jesus today — are you abiding in Him and relying on His strength to remain fruitful through every season?

Let us commit to the vine so we can thrive and be a blessing, no matter what spiritual season we are facing.



Day 3: 🌳 Bearing Fruit in Every Season

Reflect and Apply

1. How would you describe your current connection with Jesus?

2. In what ways does abiding in Christ help you bear spiritual fruit?

3. What fruit of the Spirit do you sense God growing in you right now?



Journaling Prompts

1. Write about how staying connected to Jesus has impacted your life.

2. Identify areas where you want to grow in fruitfulness.

3. Reflect on how seasonal changes have affected your spiritual growth.



Day 3: 🌿 Bearing Fruit in Every Season

Prayer for Today

Dear Jesus, *thank You for being the true vine.* Help me to remain deeply connected to You in every season of life.

Teach me to trust Your nurturing presence and bear the fruit of Your Spirit. May my life reflect Your love, joy, and peace as a witness to others.

Keep me rooted in You, Lord. 🌿 🍇 🙏 ❤️





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