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4. In vv.29-33, What comparison is Jesus making to the nature of the fig tree? How does v.31 relate to the timing of the end? Is v.32 referring to all of what He has previously said or only the section immediately preceding this statement? Why?
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7. Jesus spent this large section warning and depicting the end. He wraps up this discourse with a call to watch our hearts and to pray. How easy is it for you to allow your heart (passions, emotions, desires) to become caught up in sports, television, money, food, worry, etc.? What is it that steals your heart and distracts you?

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Read 2Peter 3:8-18 How should we then live in light of the end times?
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