

all tribes mourn
comes on clouds w/ power and glory
sends angels w/ trumpet to gather elect

Lesson of the Fig Tree (24:32-35)

a parable
fig's branches and leaves foretell summer
so events (above) foretell coming
all happens in one generation
I guarantee it

Unknown Day and Hour (24:36-44)

signs not such as to calculate exact time
not even Son knows/knew
like days of Noah
business as usual till judgment overtakes
one taken, one left
unknown time (like thief's coming), but be alert

Faithful and Unfaithful Servant (24:45-51)

two cases re/ overseer slave
(1) faithful in responsibilities, rewarded (45-47)
(2) wicked, thinks master delayed, misuses position,
surprised by return, cut in two (48-51)

Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids (25:1-13)

two cases re/ bridesmaids
gone out to meet bridegroom & procession
(1) wise, took (extra) oil for lamps
(2) foolish, didn't take oil
coming delayed, all fall asleep
foolish off looking for oil and shut out of banquet
looks like two parables (servants, bridesmaids)
1st: master returns sooner than expected
2nd: master returns later

Parable of Talents (25:14-30)

a ~~third~~ return parable with shift in emphasis
back to faithfulness here
master gives slaves money to trade with while away
(1 talent = 60-75 lb silver, c 20 yrs wages)
comparable reward for comparable faithfulness
wickedness, laziness also rewarded
excuses won't work
unfaithfulness & excuse shows he doesn't know God

Judgment of the Nations (25:31-46)

when the Son of Man returns in glory
a judgment of nations (as individuals)
the separation of sheep from goats
parable features mentions: