

NOVEMBER 26, 2021
Friday of the 34th Week in OT
Luke 21: 29-33

“BE PREPARED AND READY.”

Signages and road signs are helpful for us people and drivers. Either they are warning to make us alert or a reminder for us to be prepared. They helpful to maintain balance, peace and order. As we are in the last week in our liturgical season, we are being reminded by our gospel today about the signs of the time. All these things will happen according to God’s plan and as Jesus said no one will know even Him and the angels when it will happen, only God the Father knows.

“The early signs of a changing season, such as springtime, summer, or autumn, are evident for all who can see and observe the changes. Just so are the signs of God's kingdom and his return in glory on the day of judgment. The ‘budding’ of God's kingdom begins first in the hearts of those who are receptive to God's word. Those who trust in God's word will bear the fruits of his kingdom. And what are the fruits of that kingdom? "The kingdom of God ..is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). The Lord gives the first-fruits of his kingdom to those who open their hearts to him with expectant faith and trust in his word. We do not know the day nor the hour when the Lord Jesus will return again in glory. But the Lord does give us signs, not only to ‘wake us up’ as a warning, but also to ‘rouse our spirits’ to be ready and eager to receive his kingdom when he comes in all his power and glory. The ‘Day of the Lord’ will strike terror in those who have ignored or rejected God, but it will be a day of joy and rejoicing for those who long to see the Lord face-to-face. The Lord Jesus wants us to be filled with joyful anticipation for his coming again.”¹ We must not be afraid if we are ready and only then we can be with Him forever. How do we prepare ourselves? Live the gospel of love, follow His will, serve our brothers and sisters everyday, and by this we will welcomed by

¹ www.dailyscripture.net

our Lord and will tell us 'come, enter into my Kingdom because you do good things to the least of your brothers and sisters.'

So, as we come to the end of the Church's liturgical year, we are all invited to think, ponder and make our decision whether we want to belong to His Kingdom, a Kingdom that Jesus is establishing and ultimately live the life He wants us to be everyday. If we do that, no matter when Jesus comes to call us, we are prepared and ready.