

Unexpected: The Gospel of the Servant King

Are You Ready for Jesus' Return? Part 2

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Mark 13:31-36 (Pages 826,1007, or 1018-1019)

Big Idea: Constantly live with an anticipation of Jesus' coming, ready to give an account of your life to Him.

1. _____ Knows When Jesus Will Return, But God the Father. (v. 32 – 33a)

2. Jesus Will Return _____ and _____. (v. 33b – 35)

3. Therefore, _____ and _____!
(v. 33-37)
 - A. _____ your soul to meet Jesus. (v. 36; Matthew 25:1-13)
 - (1) Jesus will _____ into eternal fellowship those who are prepared. (Matthew 25:10b; John 3:16-18)

 - (2) Jesus will _____ and _____ to hell those who are not prepared. (Matthew 25:10-12; John 3:18)

 - B. Live your life _____ your responsibility and accountability to God. (v. 36; Romans 14:10-12)

Jesus will reward those who faithfully serve Him to the end.
(Matthew 16:27)

***Assignment: Write down**

(a) List what God has put **you** in charge of:

- (1) Family (spouse, parent, child, sibling)
- (2) Relationships (teacher, coach, co-worker, friend)
- (3) Gospel
- (4) Spiritual Gifts
- (5) Spiritual leadership in the church
- (6) Work
- (7) Money

(b) Write down **what God's Word says** about each of these areas of responsibility:

(c) **Follow** God's instruction all the days of your life!

If Jesus were to return today, *are you ready to meet Him?*

Read the Bible this year

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

1. Genesis 36-38
2. Genesis 39-40; Matthew 11
3. Genesis 41-42; Matthew 12
4. Genesis 43-45
5. Genesis 46-48
6. Genesis 49-50; Matthew 13
7. Exodus 1-3; Matthew 14

4. Read **Revelation 22:12**. As Jesus' second coming gets closer and closer, how will Jesus' words in this verse affect how you follow Jesus today?

5. Jesus tells us in **Mark 13:5, 9a, and 33** to be on guard and alert for His return. What does it mean to be "on guard" and "alert"?

Why do we need to be on guard and alert?

What specific activities must you do to follow these commands of Jesus?

6. Read **Matthew 25:10-13**. How do you feel about the fact that the door to heaven will be shut to some people? Perhaps even to some people you know?

7. Read **John 3:16**. Based on this verse, what is our responsibility? How does this verse fit with Pastor Brad's teaching on being prepared?