

The Return of Jesus

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Text: Luke 12:35-48

'You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.' Luke 12:40

Introduction

Jesus _____.

'This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: 'Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners' – and I am the worst of them all.' 1 Timothy 1:15, NLT

'And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him.' 1 John 3:5, NLT

Jesus is coming _____.

'If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also.' John 14:3

'They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you have seen Him going into heaven.' Acts 1:11

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1. _____ He comes . . .

a. Be faithful in your _____.

'Be ready for service . . .' (v. 35a)

b. Be faithful in your _____.

' . . . and have your lamps lit.' (v. 35b)

'In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.' Matthew 5:16

2. _____ He comes . . .

a. Be watching and _____ His return.

'Those slaves the master will find alert when he comes will be blessed. I assure you: He will get ready, have them recline at the table, then come and serve them.' (v. 37)

b. Be _____ for his return.

'If he comes in the middle of the night, or even near dawn, and finds them alert, those slaves are blessed.' (v. 38)

3. _____ will He come?

a. Only the _____ knows.

'Now concerning that day or hour no one knows – neither the angels in heaven nor the Son – except the Father.' Mark 13:32

b. He will come at an hour you do not _____.

'You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.' (v. 40)

Conclusion

1. The Bible speaks of _____ and punishment.

'That slave whose master finds him working when he comes will be rewarded.' (v. 43)

2. If you have been given much, _____ will be required.

'Much will be required of everyone who has been given much. And even more will be expected of the one who has been entrusted with more.' (v. 48b)

'The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance.' 2 Peter 3:9