



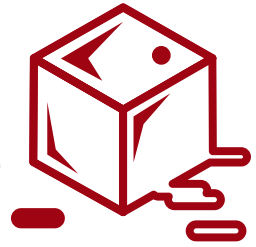
The King is Coming Be Ready

WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2026

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ICEBREAKER



Daylight Savings Time is coming up next weekend, do you enjoy Daylight Savings or do you prefer to go without it?



THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

- "The second coming of Jesus..." How does that phrase make you feel? What are you expecting this to look like?
- God's time is not necessarily our time. So, how do you make sure you are prepared?
- How would you live today if you knew Jesus was coming tonight at midnight?

JESUS' FIRST COMING

- The Essenes started 150 years BC and sincerely wanted to follow God. They predicted the week and year the Messiah would be executed. Simian was probably an Essene and he recognized Jesus when he was brought to the synagogue at 40 days of age. He pursued authentic holiness. What does it look like to pursue authentic holiness?

CRITICAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Read Luke 12:35. Are you eagerly waiting? Are you watching everywhere for Him? Or, are you sitting back and wondering when it will be? Why?
- Read Col 3:1-2. Where do your thoughts go when you don't have a task in front of you? Are you setting your mind on things that are above, and not on things that are on earth?

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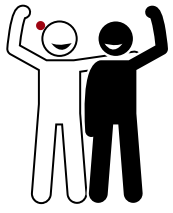
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- Why is it so hard for most of us to live in purity? Could it be that we're not excited enough about the second coming of Jesus? How do we get more focused on and excited by Jesus' return?
- Read Matthew 25:1-2. Half of the women were prepared and half were not. This might reflect the number of self-professed Christians today who are actually living as though they are prepared for Jesus to come and those who are not. How do we make sure we are living in purity as God would have us, in order to be ready when Jesus returns? How are YOU living right now?
- Read Matt 24:47. If we're not eagerly awaiting Jesus (with our sights set on Him), we will become like this slave in this passage. We start to ignore God and focus on the world. How do you keep this from happening in your life?

EAGER ANTICIPATION

- Luke 12:35 says stay dressed for action. Rev 19:7-8 says the bride prepared herself. Rev 16:15 says Jesus will come unexpectedly. 1 John 2:28 says we should remain in fellowship. Still, despite reading all of this and that Jesus could come at any time, we don't always live in eager anticipation. Why?
- Think back to something you eagerly awaited - a birthday, Christmas morning, a big event. What produces eager anticipation? How does that apply to waiting for Jesus to return?
- Praying and studying God's Word are great ways to prepare, but they are tasks. Eagerly anticipating the return of Jesus is more of an emotional thing. Are you just checking off tasks on a list, or are you experiencing the very real emotion of eager anticipation at the thought of Jesus' return? Why?

ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

Keep your lights burning! Jesus is coming back for a bride (His Church), we must do our part to be ready for the groomsman (Jesus) to come, by preparing ourselves for Him. We must pray, read, and study the Bible, fast, and witness to others about His soon return.



Ask



The Bible urges us to stay dressed and ready for action as we eagerly wait for Jesus' return. Ask yourself, if He were to come tomorrow, are you ready or are you still leaning toward some of your earthly desires? How would you live today if you really believed he was coming tonight at midnight?



Challenge

Ask God to reveal to you anything in your life that keeps you from being completely ready for the coming of Jesus and challenge yourself... today is the day to let go and lay down all that keeps you from eagerly waiting.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Forgive me for living life my way, apart from you. Today, that is all changing. Today, I give my spirit, soul and body, everything I am, everything I have, I give to you, Jesus. You are my Lord. Thank you for forgiving me and thank you for your gift of eternal salvation. I pray that you will give me the strength to daily live my life as you would have me. In your holy name, AMEN!