

Ready or Not, He Will Come Back.

Mark 13:32-37

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Jesus DOESN'T know it all. -Mark 13:32

³² "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

#1 The mark of a disciple is not inside information but **OBEDIENCE** _____ . (Philippians 2:5-8)

Each has his OWN work. -Mark 13:33-37

³³ Be on guard! Be alert ! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴ It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with his assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

#2 Jesus really is **COMING** _____ **BACK** _____ ! Make good use of the **TALENTS** _____ He's given you.

(Matthew 13:13-30 *"Therefore stay alert, because you do not know the day or the hour. 14 For it is like a man going on a journey, who summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, each according to his ability..."*)

"Jesus, however, does not know the precise time or hour... The resulting command, then, is not 'sit down and work out a prophetic timetable' -always a more exciting thing to do - but 'keep awake and watch'! -N.T. Wright "Mark for Everyone"pg.186-187

Be ALERT. Mark 13:33-37

³⁵ "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back--whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Be Alert' "

#3 We should look **FORWARD** _____ to His return and help **OTHERS** _____ look forward to it too.

John 3:16-17 ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Matthew 28:28-20 ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Therefore he says we are to keep awake. Do not believe all the secular voices that tell us the world will go on forever as it is now. Don't believe the other voices which tell us there is no God, so we can live as we please, or that if God exists, he will never judge us. Don't believe the voices which whisper to us constantly and try to turn us away from our faith. With one sharp, arresting, ringing word of command, Jesus ends his message: "Watch!"-Ray Stedman www.raystedman.org/new-testament/mark/watch

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