

First Week of Advent

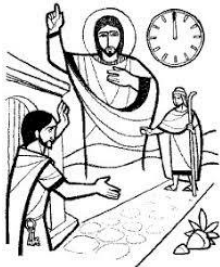


Beware!

Keep Alert!

Watch!

Be on the alert!



Mark 13:33-37

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a person going on a journey, when they leave home and put the slaves in charge, each with their own work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: **Keep awake.**"

Evening

Midnight

Cockcrow

Dawn

Roman division
of the night

REFLECTION

- Jesus is like a householder who has gone abroad. He has left his servants – that is, you and me – in charge of his affairs, each one with their own task. What is my task, my role in this world?
- “Stay awake because you do not know when the master will come back – “stay awake.” How do we do that?
- We keep in touch with those around us by each day doing our best to live lives of love, of compassion, of forgiveness, of honesty and integrity.
- We keep in touch with our God through lives of prayer. And the simplest and deepest prayer is to be aware of the active presence of God permeating every single moment of every single day.
- “O Lord, help to recognise you and respond to you in love through every person and every experience of this day.”

Focus Questions

1. With whom is Jesus speaking?
2. Who is the traveller?
3. Why is this person travelling?
4. What does the return mean?
5. “I say to all: keep awake.”
Why?