



“JESUS TELLS YOU TO STAY AWAKE”

Luke 21:29-37

August 2nd, 2020

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. Are you a morning person or an evening person?

QUICK REVIEW

It's the final week of the life of Christ, and Jesus is teaching and preaching in the temple courts. The Jewish authorities have categorically rejected Jesus and are plotting his death by crucifixion. As they are leaving the temple for the evening, some of the disciples point out the lavish nature of the temple stones and beautifications. Jesus declares the coming destruction of the Jerusalem temple and His glorious 2nd Coming to the earth.

In the section, Jesus goes from prophecy to exhortation. In view of all He has just proclaimed about His return at the end of the age, He calls His people to an ongoing state of spiritual vigilance.

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Jesus tells you to stay awake! This is so you can be...

1. Watchful of _____ (29-33)
2. Watchful of _____ (34-35)
3. Watchful in _____ (36)
4. Watchful in _____ (37-38)

Was any point in this weekend's message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Colossians 3:1-4. Christians should be watchful and waiting for the Lord's return. But there is also the possibility to go overboard. Members of the 1st Century church even seemed to stop working. Some Christians tend to be "prophecy nerds" and it's all they want to talk about. How would you describe the proper balance? How are you pursuing that?
2. Christians must be watchful of their own lives. Luke 21:34 indicates certain behaviors can bring despondency and even depression to a human heart. What are those behaviors? How are you doing in each area? What are other areas of life the weigh you down?
3. Read Hebrews 12:1-2. How does the teaching of these verses help you with the concerns of question 2?
4. Christians are to be watchful in prayer for strength during the end times. Strength to escape. Have you given much thought about the potential for dying as a witness for Christ? What empowers people to make such a sacrifice?
5. Christians are to be watchful in God's Word. How is your devotional reading of Scripture? How about theology and Bible teaching? How does it help you endure the trials of life and rejoice in the gifts of God?