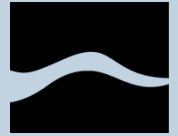


SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS PROMISE TO RETURN Mark 13:24-37



BIG IDEA: Jesus promises to return, so we must remain ready until he comes.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

Think about a time when you eagerly anticipated something—a wedding, the birth of a child, a long-awaited vacation, or the return of a loved one. What helped you keep looking forward to it during the wait? What made the waiting difficult?

How does waiting for something certain but unseen test your trust in the person who made the promise?

EXPLORE

Jesus gives three reasons to be ready for his return. What does each reason (his power and glory, his trustworthy word, and his unexpected return) teach us about who Jesus is?

Why do you think Jesus spends more time telling his disciples how to live while they wait than when he will return?

In the parable of the servants (vv. 34–37), what responsibilities did the master give his servants while he was away? What does that teach us about faithful Christian living?

APPLY

What "headlines" or circumstances are most likely to capture your attention and pull your eyes away from Christ? How can you intentionally keep your focus on the coming King this week?

Is there a promise of Jesus that you've begun to doubt because the waiting has been long? How does Mark 13:31 encourage you to trust his word more deeply?

Where has spiritual drowsiness begun to creep into your life? What is one area in which Jesus is calling you to wake up and faithfully resume the work he has entrusted to you?

COMMIT

This week, I will stay awake by faithfully doing the work Jesus has entrusted to me while I wait for his return.