

Journey Through Mark: Stay Awake

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I. State Of Confusion

Key Truth: This Is Our Time To Be Awake

II. No One Knows The Day Or Hour

Mark 13:32-37

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Intentionally Veiled

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Assigned Roles & Tasks

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Fair Warning

III. State Of Readiness

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time to pray & respond to the following)

Confusion is a lack of understanding or a condition of uncertainty. When individuals find themselves unsure about what to think or do, they can rightfully be considered in a state of confusion. No one desires or enjoys being in such a state.

Followers of Christ face the same challenges and mysteries of life as everyone else. However, when it comes to the return of Christ, believers need not be confused. Though we don't know the exact day or hour, Jesus has told us the signs which will foreshadow the season of His return. This is all we truly need to understand and it is a good thing that the specifics remain unknown. God knows that if we knew too much, we would be distracted away from our primary purpose to serve and grow in a relationship with Him.

Jesus has given the world overwhelming evidence of His presence and fair warning that He is coming again so that people will be without excuse. Readiness for the Lord's return is a matter of paramount importance that every Christian should take seriously. How we invest the time, resources, abilities, and opportunities He has given will be judged when He comes.

God has a plan and purpose for each of His children and embracing it is up to the individual. It is our duty to live and serve in a state of spiritual readiness. Right now, in this day and age, is our time to be active and awake for His glory.

What is your state of spiritual readiness? Are you growing and maturing in the Lord or are you drifting and stalled in your sanctification? How are you using all that God has given to further His kingdom and fulfill His plan?

Prayerfully reflect on the present state of your spiritual readiness. Express your thanksgiving to God for His grace, love, and mercy in these days of opportunity.