

Every generation has had people trying to guess....

- ◆ In the 2nd Century a man named **Montanus** was convinced
- ◆ In the year 999 A.D. a **huge number** thought the end was near
- ◆ In the 19th Century the **Millerites** were convinced

What is to be our mindset? What are we to be doing?

Jesus gives us two commands:

- ◆ "Take heed"
- ◆ "Watch!"

If we were to know when Jesus were coming

- ◆ We would be robbed of our **comfort**
- ◆ We would not be living in **moment by moment** readiness
- ◆ We would be robbed of our **motivation** and **urgency**

When Jesus says "Watch!" it means

- ◆ We **are not** to be doing the things he does not want us to be doing.

"But take heed to yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a snare." Luke 21:34

- ◆ We **are** to be doing the things he wants us to do.

"It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work..." Mark 13:34

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1) Why do you think there has been such an interest among Christian people recently concerning Jesus' Second Coming?

2) The only place in the New Testament where Jesus is said to not know something that the Father knows concerns the time of His return. Why do you think the Father didn't tell Jesus?

3) Do you believe Jesus could have come at any moment since the generation of the first disciples? Why or why not?

4) Why do you think people in every generation have tried to guess that theirs was the last generation?

5) If you knew when Christ was coming back, how would that affect your day by day living?

6) How would Jesus have us live in light of his at any moment coming?



Redeeming Notes

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Mark 13:32-37

Jesus said....

I. We won't know when he is coming back.

"But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Galatians 3:13

Jesus could come **at any moment**.

II. There would be at least three signs indicating history has moved into its final phase.

A. The **temple** is going to be **destroyed**.

"Jesus said to him, 'Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another, that will not be thrown down'." Mark 13:2

B. There would be a coming of **tribulation** and **persecution**.

"And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved." Mark 13:13

C. The **Gospel** would be **preached** to all the nations.

"And the gospel must first be preached to all nations." Mark 13:10

"Provided that you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which has been preached to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister." Colossians 1:23