

The Jesus We Never Knew

“A wake-up call - don't let the coming of Christ take you by surprise”

Mark 13: 32-37

³²"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. ³⁴It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with an assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

³⁵"Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. ³⁶If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. ³⁷What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!' "

Mark 13: 32-37 (TNIV)

1. Wake up!

There will be a Second Coming of Jesus: it will be...

literal

personal

glorious

purposeful

2. Wake up!

There will be a Second Coming of Jesus but we don't know when: it is ...

always imminent

3. Wake up!

There will be a Second Coming and because we don't know when: **we must watch for it by watching our lives**

morally

missionally

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Questions for personal or small group study and reflection:

1. Why do you think so many people have tried to predict the date of the Second Coming of Jesus, when Jesus made it so clear that no one knows? Why has God kept the date secret?
2. How do you understand the statement that Jesus did not know the date either, in His incarnate state on earth?
3. What do we know for sure about the Second Coming of Jesus?
4. What effect is the Second Coming meant to have on our lives as Christians? What does 'watch' really mean?