

**Are You Ready?**



1 Thessalonians 5v1-11

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*If you knew that Jesus was coming back tomorrow how would that change the way you live today?*

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**Mark 13v32:** But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

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**Acts 1v7:** It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

## 2 pictures of Jesus return...

- Like a thief

## Isaiah 13v6-11...

Wail, for the day of the LORD is near;  
it will come like destruction from the  
Almighty.

<sup>7</sup> Because of this, all hands will go limp,  
every heart will melt with fear.



## Isaiah 13v6-11...

Terror will seize them,  
pain and anguish will grip them;  
they will writhe like a woman in labor.  
They will look aghast at each other,  
their faces aflame.

## Isaiah 13v6-11...

See, the day of the LORD is coming  
—a cruel day, with wrath and fierce  
anger—

to make the land desolate

and destroy the sinners within it.

<sup>10</sup> The stars of heaven and their  
constellations

will not show their light.

## Isaiah 13v6-11...

The rising sun will be darkened  
and the moon will not give its light.

<sup>11</sup> I will punish the world for its evil,  
the wicked for their sins.

I will put an end to the arrogance of the  
haughty

and will humble the pride of the  
ruthless.

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- Like labor pains

**V3:** While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

# 1) Be ready... by being in the light

**V4-5:** But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

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**...Admit**

**...Believe**

**...Commit**



## 2) Be ready... by being awake

**V6-7:** So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.

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Office



Building Site



School



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**V8:** But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

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3v5: For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labors might have been in vain.

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**V9:** For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **3) Be ready... by getting dressed**

**V10: He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.**



### **3) Be ready... by getting dressed**

**V11:** Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

# Jesus is coming again...

- *Are you ready?*
- *Are you living your life in a way that helps others be ready?*

