

Wait as Those Who Don't Wish to Be Surprised! Sermon Series: HOW to WAIT for Jesus' Return

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The End Times or the Second Coming of Jesus are themes that pique the curiosity of most Christ-followers. We have been bombarded with theories and formulas, all designed to, in some way, determine WHEN!

Jesus' disciples were curious too:

"Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. ² 'Do you see all these things?' he asked. 'Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.'

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. 'Tell us,' they said, 'WHEN will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?'" Matthew 24:1-3

Instead, Jesus launches into 5 progressive Parables: HOW to Wait

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

- **The Return of Jesus will be preceded by _____!**

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- **The Return of Jesus will happen _____!**

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- **Because of Ordinary & Suddenness, _____!**

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Takeaways:

**Suddenness & Unexpectedness
should produce _____!**

All Scriptures are from the New International Version Bible unless otherwise mentioned. You may make comments or ask Bro. Tony questions about this message by email at: brotony@itawambachristianchurch.org