

### Passion Week—The Olivet Discourse: Be Ready! (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 24:43–44	Mark 13:34–37	Luke 21:34–36
<p>43 But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.</p> <p>44 For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think <i>He will</i>.</p>	<p>34 <i>It is like a man away on a journey, who upon leaving his house and putting his slaves in charge, assigning to each one his task, also commanded the doorkeeper to stay on the alert.</i></p> <p>35 Therefore, be on the alert—for you do not know when the master of the house is coming, whether in the evening, at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—</p> <p>36 in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep.</p> <p>37 What I say to you I say to all, ‘Be on the alert!’”</p>	<p>34 “Be on guard, so that your hearts will not be weighted down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of life, and that day will not come on you suddenly like a trap;</p> <p>35 for it will come upon all those who dwell on the face of all the earth.</p> <p>36 But keep on the alert at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are about to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”</p>

### Passion Week—The Olivet Discourse: The Wise and Foolish Slaves (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 24:45–51

45 “Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time?

46 Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.  
47 Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.  
48 But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,'  
49 and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards;  
50 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him* and at an hour which he does not know,  
51 and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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