

Mark 13:32-37
 Learning to Be Alert for the Coming King
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Reminder of Where We Are

A. When will these things be?
 B. What will be the sign?
 B. Mark 13:5-31 (signs within the 70th week)
 A. Mark 13:32-37 (when the 70th week comes)

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No One Knows When

Mark 13:32 ESV But concerning **that day or that hour**, **no one knows**, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

1 Thessalonians 5:2 For you yourselves know full well that **the day of the Lord** will come just like a thief in the night.

Revelation 3:10b I also will keep you from the **hour of testing**, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

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Excursus: The Son Doesn't Know?

Jesus Christ's Person: Truly Man/Truly God

> Jesus can operate through either nature

Mark 4:38-39 Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?+ 39 And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, Hush, be still.+And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.

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We Should Be on the Alert

Mark 13:33-37 Take heed, keep on the alert; for you do not know when the appointed time will come. 34 He 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. 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. 36 in case he should come suddenly and find you asleep. 37 What I say to you I say to all, Be on the alert!

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Applications

- 1. We should remember that there will be no warning prior to the parousia of Christ.+
2. Being on the alert+means to be found in the faith and doing the Lord's work until He comes.

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1. There Is No Warning Except God's Word

Matthew 24:43 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

1 Thessalonians 5:2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just **like a thief** in the night.

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come **like a thief**

Thief = lestes (uses force), **kleptes** (uses stealth)

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1. There Is No Warning Except God's Word

- ▶ **Parousia** "like a thief" (Matt. 24:37-43)
- ▶ **Day of the Lord** "like a thief" (1 Thess. 5:2)
- ▶ **Daniel's 70th week** "like a thief" (Matt. 24; Mk.13)

Hebrews 11:7a By faith Noah, **being warned by God about things not yet seen**, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household

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2. What It Means to "Be on the Alert"

- ▶ Being on **the alert** means to be found in the faith and doing the **Lord's** work until He comes.

Mark 13:34 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.

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2. What It Means to “Be on the Alert”

> **The Initial Work**
John 6:29 Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that **you believe in Him** whom He has sent.”

> **Subsequent Work**
Romans 12:5-6, 11 we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ¶ Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, **each of us is to exercise them accordingly**—not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

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2. What It Means to “Be on the Alert”

> **Persevering in the Faith**
Revelation 3:3 So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore **if you do not wake up**, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.

Ephesians 6:18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, **be on the alert with all perseverance and petition** for all the saints—

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