

Advent Bible Series, Year A (4 Sessions)

Session 1

First Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Gospel Reading: Mt 24:37-44

[37] Jesus said to his disciples, 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes.

[38] For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark,

[39] and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes.

[40] Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left;

[41] of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

[42] 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming.

[43] You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.

[44] Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Study Questions after the session

The study questions below are for individual reflection, or for group discussion.

You can also use them during your personal prayer time, to meditate upon the Gospel passage.

Please Note: These questions are to be read ONLY AFTER hearing the teaching session delivered by Mauro.

STUDY QUESTIONS:

- (1) What stands out to you from this Gospel and/or from the teaching session?
- (2) How is this Gospel and/or the teaching session speaking to you now or challenging you?
- (3) What does this Gospel and/or the teaching session reveal to you about God?
- (4) What does this Gospel and/or the teaching session reveal to you about people?

(5) Where do you see yourself in your journey of faith? Do you usually give God the pilot's seat—allowing Him to guide your life and your decisions? Or do you sometimes perceive God as a threat to your freedom, and therefore limit His access to certain areas of your life?

You may also reflect on how your attitude towards God has changed over the years.

(6) How much does the reality of Judgment Day influence your life?

Think about the ways this truth affects the decisions you make each day.

Have a blessed time of study!

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