

First week of Advent

Friday 4 December 2020

## Reflection 6

Day 6

### **Watch!**

We read in our Gospel passage for the week about the need to keep awake, to be alert to the future second coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. But what does this mean for us? If we do not know when Jesus is going to return, when “*the Son of Man [is] coming in clouds’ with great power and glory*” what do we do now?

As he enjoyed doing, Jesus explains his message in a parable. He talks of how this is similar to,

*“... a man who went from his house to a far country. He gave each one of his servants some work to do. He told the one standing at the door to watch. In the same way you, you are to watch also! You do not know when the Owner of the house will be coming. It may be in the evening or in the night or when the sun comes up or in the morning. He may come when you are not looking for Him and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all. Watch!” (Mark 13.34-37)*

Jesus is telling us to be consistent, not to wane in our passion to see his Kingdom come or to lose our desire to live our lives fully for him.

Imagine that you knew Jesus would be returning to earth next week. This coming Sunday, he will be riding on the clouds, THE moment we have all been waiting for and it is happening in less than seven days’ time. What would you do?

Would you live your life any differently? Is there something you know you should be doing but aren’t? Or something you are doing that you shouldn’t be?

I believe Jesus is challenging us here to live every day in a state of readiness to meet with him. To live every day as if we will be welcoming his second coming imminently. How different would your life look if you started doing this?

Lord Jesus,

I can't wait to one day meet you face to face, whether that is in this life or the life to come.

Thank you that you came down, so that we may have a relationship with you.

I'm sorry, Lord, for my sin. For what I have done and what I have failed to do.

Help me to live today excited and expectant for your return.

Amen.