

Always Ready
Matthew 24:42-25:13

Review:

1. Readiness for the coming of Christ certainly doesn't involve abuse of self or others
2. Readiness requires us to keep our focus on Christ and His glory instead of our own desires
3. Our job is to take care of one another, and to glorify Christ, to prepare His way by bearing witness to Him and His coming

Reflect:

1. In what ways do you consider yourself to be ready for Christ's coming? In what ways do you fall short of preparing yourself and other people for His coming?

Go further: Read I John 2:28-3:9

1. In 2:28, what two reasons does John give for us to abide in Christ?
2. What does John say that we know in 2:29? What conclusion can we draw from this truth?
3. How does 3:1 say that the Father shows His love to His people?
4. Why does the world not recognize God's people?
5. In 3:2, what does John say believers are at this time? What has yet to be revealed about us?
6. When does John say believers will be like Christ? Why will this transformation take place?
7. According to 3:3, how does the hope of Christ's return change the lives of Christians?
8. What does 3:4 say that sin really is?
9. According to 3:5, why was Jesus revealed to the world? How does this verse describe Jesus?
10. What does 3:6 say is true about those who abide in Christ? What is true about those who go on sinning?
11. According to 3:7, what do righteous people put into practice in their lives? Why do they do this?
12. What does 3:8 say is true about the devil and his followers?
13. What reason does 3:8 give for the coming of Christ?
14. What does 3:9 say is true about those who have been born of God? Why is this true?

Summary and Application:

1. John says that if we abide in Christ, we will not need to be ashamed when He comes. What steps can you take to draw closer to Christ in your daily life?
2. In what areas of your life do you need to reject sin and embrace righteousness?
3. What do you think Jesus particularly wants you do where it comes to preparing the way of His coming? What changes do you need to make to do your duty to Him more consistently?