

THE LIFE OF
JESUS

Message 22
Return

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► **Outline**

Today's Message based on *The Life of Jesus* – Reading 124

“...the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.”

Luke 12:40 (HCSB)

A. Introduction

(C/R: Matthew 24:30-31; John 14:2-3)

B. Preparation for Jesus' return

(Luke 12:35-48)

1. Remain _____.

(Luke 12:35-40. C/R: Matthew 24:42-44; Luke 13:29-30;
2 Peter 3:10-14)

2. Respond _____.

(Luke 12:41-44. C/R: Matthew 16:27; 24:44-47;
Colossians 3:23-24)

3. Refuse _____.

(Luke 12:45-48. C/R: Matthew 24:48-51; Luke 21:34-36;
2 Corinthians 5:10)

Answers: 1. ready 2. faithfully 3. indifference

Resource Information: Outline and onscreen verses are from HCSB version (Holman Christian Standard Bible) of *The Holy Bible*. Our resource book for this series is *The Life of Jesus, A Simplified Harmony of the Gospels*, which is available in the Bookstore. C/R, if noted, refers to a 'cross reference' of Scripture verse(s). Today's outline and discussion guide are available to mobile device users through the Brookwood Church app available through your favorite app store.

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to help you draw closer to God. Try not to rush through the questions, but take time to learn and grow. Ask God to speak to you through His Word. Find a Small Group at brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups.

Conversation Starter

What are you really looking forward to in the coming months? How are you preparing?

Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Luke 12:35-40](#) (The beginning of Reading #124 in *The Life of Jesus*).

1. [Vs. 35-38](#) describe a servant waiting for his master to return from a wedding banquet. What words and phrases describe how a good servant waits?
2. What does it mean to *have your lamps lit*? Why would this imagery have been particularly significant for those first century listeners?
3. How often does the idea of Jesus' return cross your mind?
4. Sometimes the servant must wait until *the middle of the night, or even near dawn* ([vs. 38](#)). Do you ever feel like giving up hope? What can you do to stay encouraged and awake?
5. How is Jesus' return likened to a thief breaking into a house?

Read [Luke 12:41-48](#) (continuing Reading #124 in *The Life of Jesus*).

6. Jesus makes it clear that each of us are responsible to be *faithful and sensible managers* while we wait for His return ([vs. 41-42](#)). How could you be more faithful and honoring to God in these areas of your life:
 - a. Work
 - b. Time
 - c. Money

7. [Vs. 45-48](#) describe a servant who diminishes the importance of daily decisions and holy living.
 - a. Is there anything God has been telling you to do that you keep putting off?
 - b. Have you used your freedom in Christ (or the idea He might not be coming back today) as an excuse to be lazy or unloving? How have you been letting yourself *off the hook*?

Wrapping it Up

8. How does Jesus want you to be living while you wait for His return? What specific actions and attitudes from this passage are most relevant for you right now?

For further study on this week's themes, see: [2 Corinthians 5:10](#); [Colossians 3:23-24](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:1-8](#); [Hebrews 9:28](#); [2 Peter 3:10-14](#).

Soul Training

Write *JESUS IS COMING* on a note card or somewhere you will see it often. Use this as a daily reminder to align your life in light of eternity. Allow this truth to impact your priorities.

Memory Verse

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. [Luke 12:34 \(HCSB\)](#)

Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
June 12	123		Luke 12:22-34
June 13	124		Luke 12:35-48
June 14	125		Luke 12:49-59
June 15	126		Luke 13:1-9
June 16	127		Luke 13:10-17

Prepare for Next Sunday

On Sunday, June 18, we'll take a closer look at God as *The Good Father*. Prepare ahead by reading [Luke 15:1-32](#).



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