

ANTICIPATION, PART 1
WATCH & WAIT
Matthew 24:36-44

God's people don't just wait for Christ's return, they prepare for it.

Jesus wants his people to KNOW he is coming to earth again. (36-41)

It will be a *secret* day—because only the Father knows when it will take place. (36)

It will be a *surprising* day—because everything in life will be unfolding as it usually does. (37-39)

It will be a *separating* day—because some will be taken, and some will be left. (40-41)

Jesus wants his people to BE PREPARED for his coming to earth again. (42-44)

Be *watchful*—as a person deeply longing to reconnect with one's beloved. (42)

Be *diligent*—as homeowners working to protect what is most valuable to you. (43)

Be *ready*—as a servant who would be unashamed by his master's surprise return. (44)