

1st Sunday of Advent 2022 Gospel and Reflection

Gospel - Matthew 24:37-44

The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day. In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. People didn’t realise what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.

“Two men will be working together in the field; one will be taken, the other left. Two women will be grinding flour at the mill; one will be taken, the other left.

“So, you, too, must keep watch! For you don’t know what day your Lord is coming. Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into. You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.

Discussion Points

1. What strikes you most when reading this passage?
2. What do you think this passage is asking of you?
3. How are you preparing for the Lord's return?
4. Water can be devastating, but it is also a life-giving force. Am I being called to use it more responsibly?
5. Do I need to change? How? What?



Prayer

Lord Jesus, help me to be grateful and to value the gift of clean and plentiful water.