

Message Notes

Are you ready?

Scripture Passages

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1 Peter 3:18

18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

The Gospel of
LUKE

Setting His Face to Jerusalem

Luke 9:51 to Luke 19:44

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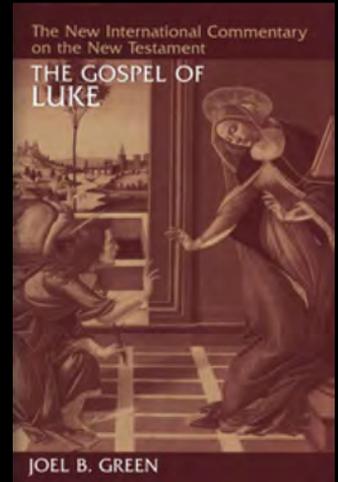
“You also must be ready”

“master finds [them] doing so”

“[the servant who] does not get ready”

The sort of alertness Jesus counsels is not understood best as a set of activities but rather as a state of mind and heart. Disciples are to be the kind of people who are always on the alert.

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Matthew 20:25-28

25 But Jesus called to them and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 26 It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, 28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Analogy #2

Luke 12:39-40

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“Like a thief in the night”

To the person who keeps stealing my sandwiches (Turkey and Swiss with mayo on rye),

This is ridiculous. We are all full-grown adults, not children. Please take responsibility for your actions and stop stealing other people's property!!!

Dear Turkey
and Swiss on Rye,

I have your precious
sandwich, it's safe. For
now. Put 10 dollars on the
plate in the fridge or you'll
never see it undigested
again.

Dear Sandwich Thief,

Please grow up and
just return my
sandwich! this is very
unprofessional! If I
ever find out who's
doing this I won't
hesitate to CONTACT
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Dear Turkey and Swiss



For every hour you continue to
refuse my demands I'll remove
another bite of this sandwich.
Please take this seriously. We are
professionals, after all.

- Sandwich Thief

HR!!

Dear [Name] and [Name]

Sandwich Thief,

Why are you doing
this???

Why are you doing
this???

Tick tock, T-Swiss,



TICK.

TOCK.

Dear Sandwich Thief,

Hi. This is Tina from
HR. Please return the
sandwich and we won't
investigate the matter
any further.

Buy me a pizza

No.

**By the way...I'm not even
going to eat it. Just gonna
chew it up and spit it out.**



How does that make you feel?

Hi, Tina from HR again.

Francis, we checked the office's printer queue and traced the requests back to your desk. Could you please come to see me at your earliest convenience.

“Like a thief in the night”

For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night (1 Thessalonians 5:2)

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief.
(2 Peter 3:10)

I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you...Look, I come like a thief!
(Revelation 3:3, 16:15)

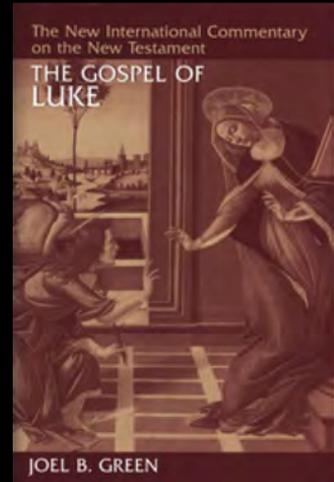
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As a whole, this section of Jesus' speech presents the certainty but unpredictability of an awaited event as a motivation for constant alertness and fidelity. This awaited event is the eschatological coming of the Son of Man. Luke's presentation leaves room for a delay in the return of the Lord, but his dominant emphasis falls elsewhere — first, on the certainty of his coming and, second, on the uncertainty of its timing.

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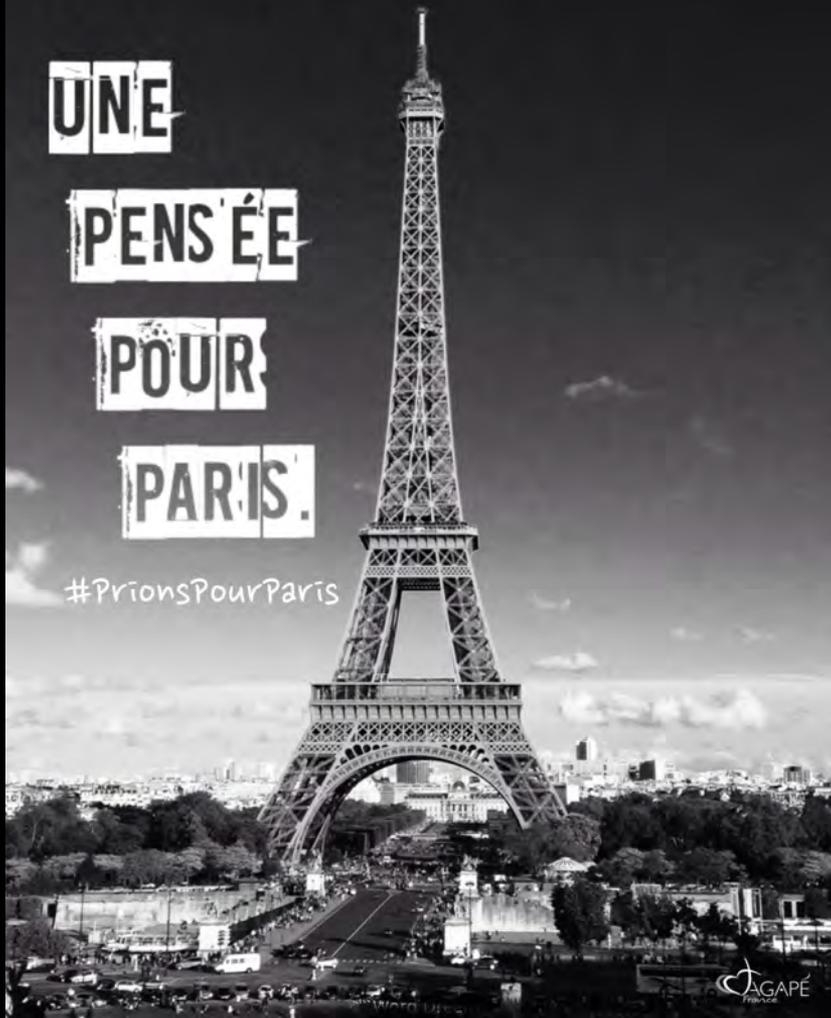
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In the face of hatred, express love.
In the face of the horror, show compassion.
In the face of the unspeakable, pray!

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Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.