

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday November 30, 2025

Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! This week, we kick off a new Advent season, with a reminder to be watchful – and also to serve God in the meantime. Click here: <https://youtu.be/RbyJ1apiMsY> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- In this passage of Matthew, Jesus emphasizes that no one but God knows when the Son of Man will return.
- Jesus uses as an example Noah and the Great Flood. No one by Noah's family (who had been told by God) knew that the flood was coming before it came. Similarly, if homeowners knew what time a thief was coming, they would not let their house be broken into.
- So – Jesus says – be ready, “for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” (Matthew 24:44)

Two Questions

- How often do we assume that there is always tomorrow – to start a new prayer habit, to start going to church again, to call a loved one? If we can just get through the thing that needs doing today, we'll do. . . what tomorrow? What are Jesus' words in Matthew 24 saying to you about what you can and should be doing today?
- So what does being “watchful” mean? Are we simply waiting, extra expectantly? Or is there more we can do? We certainly don't view Advent and Christmastime Baby Jesus as being about and ending. So in what ways can we view the coming of the Son of Man as a beginning? In what ways can we celebrate Jesus' coming as a new prompt to do a new, loving thing for God in our Everyday Lives?

Action Step

- As you “get ready” for Jesus this Christmastime, be “watchful,” and be “do-ful!” Find a way to pick up a new habit of service in Christ!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!