Lesson 32 Jesus Is Coming Again

Pictures 20, 38



Aim

To teach that the Lord Jesus Christ will return to the earth a second time. Christians must be watching for his return.

Teacher Preparation: Thank God for Jesus' first coming and what He accomplished and ask God to keep you expectant for Jesus' second coming and what it means for His followers. Then read and study Matthew 24:36-51, Mark 13:45-51, John 14:3, Acts 1:11, 1 Thessalonians 4:13; 5:11 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: Mark 13:33

Be on watch, be alert, for you do not know when the time will come.

Lesson Plan

Introduction



Ask the children what event they are looking forward to. If there are no answers make some suggestions, for example: a wedding, getting new clothes, growing up.

Main Points of Lesson

1. What event are Christians looking forward to? The return of the Lord Jesus to earth. *Show picture 20.* What did the angels tell Jesus' friends when Jesus returned to heaven? *Review memory verse*, Acts 1:11. Jesus also said he would return again, John 14:3.

2. What do we do when we know a visitor is coming? We watch for them. Jesus is coming but the time is unknown. We must watch all the time.

Teach Memory Verse

Refer to the example of a night watchman. A bad watchman sleeps at night but a good one stays awake.

3. *Show picture 38.* Show how some of the people in the picture are prepared and go out to meet the returning Lord. Others are left. NOTE: The Bible here does not say they are left to judgement. Do not read into this passage what is not there!

4. Tell the stories of the faithful servant and the unfaithful servant. Mark 13:45-51.

Review

Briefly go over the lesson to emphasise that Jesus will return suddenly in God's perfect time and this is an event to be joyously expected by Christians.

Our Response to the Lesson

The Christian needs to live like the faithful servant daily expecting his Master's return. Get some suggestions from the class as to how Christians should be waiting, eg., helping each other, caring for those with difficulties, talking to others about Jesus' return. Give several practical suggestions. Finish by saying the memory verse together. What kind of watchman are you?