

# Ecumenical Advent Bible Sharing

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## Gospel | Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples:  
"As it was in the days of Noah,  
so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.  
In those days before the flood,  
they were eating and drinking,  
marrying and giving in marriage,  
up to the day that Noah entered the ark.  
They did not know until the flood came and  
carried them all away.  
So will it be also at the coming of the Son of  
Man.

Two men will be out in the field;  
one will be taken, and one will be left.  
Two women will be grinding at the mill;  
one will be taken, and one will be left.  
Therefore, stay awake!  
For you do not know on which day your Lord  
will come.

Be sure of this: if the master of the house  
had known the hour of night when the thief was  
coming,  
he would have stayed awake  
and not let his house be broken into.  
So too, you also must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man  
will come."

- 1) What is your overall vibe as you hear this gospel? How does it make you feel? Why?
- 2) What image(s) throughout the gospel strike you in a particular way? Why?
- 3) The floods of Noah (Gen 6:5-7:23) are referred to. What's the connection for you?
- 4) How does being ready come across in being "taken away" and "left"? Ready for what?
- 5) One way to frame the time that we have left and the fulfillment of all things in Christ, is to dream of what our lives and our world could be? What are your dreams for Advent 2022?