

On the contrary, Jesus has instructed us to be ready regarding the signs for which we are to watch, and has told us the meaning of those signs. Jesus mentions three Compromisers of Readiness (v. 34):

- Carousing or dissipation (NRSV)
- Drunkenness
- The cares of this life

“Therefore be watchful all the time, praying that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will happen, and to stand before the Son of Man” (v. 36). Jesus calls us to stay alert and to pray. Prayer will help us to avoid dissipation, drunkenness and anxiety. Prayer will keep us open to receive God’s blessings, and will focus our spiritual energies to do God’s will.

Christians are not kill joys. It is a call to get ready and to stay ready, because our redemption is drawing near (v. 28). For Christians, these cosmic signal the end of their suffering .

Sermon Outline: 2nd December, 2018

BE CAREFUL

LUKE 21:34-36

34“So be careful, or your hearts will be loaded down with carousing, drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day will come on you suddenly. 35 For it will come like a snare on all those who dwell on the surface of all the earth. 36 Therefore be watchful all the time, praying that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will happen, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and our minds start to focus on the coming Christmas celebration and later ushering of a new year 2019. That’s what the world wants to tell us