

## READY FOR HIS RETURN

Based on Mathew 24:44

### DECODER

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
O	H	R	E	I	V	J	F	M	X	Y	G	C	B	S	N	A	Q	K	T	P	W	Z	U	L	D

1. 2-4-17-6-4-16 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 4-10-21-4-13-20 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 20-2-5-4-8 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 13-1-9-4 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 17-16-12-4-25-15 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 2-1-24-3 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 3-4-17-26-11 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 22-17-20-13-2 \_\_\_\_\_

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# WELCOME

Theme: Be Prepared For His Return  
(Matthew 24:42)

# Be Prepared For His Return



Today is a very special day. Today is the first Sunday of Advent and we have started the countdown to Christmas. There are many things that people do to get ready for Christmas, aren't there? Let's see, what are some of the things that we do to prepare for Christmas? We have to put up our Christmas tree, lights, and decorations. We have to get our Christmas cards addressed and mailed. We have a lot of shopping to do to buy gifts for our family and friends. There is a lot of cooking that must be done -- Christmas cookies and candy and, of course, we must buy all of the food for Christmas dinner. Can you think of any things that I have forgotten?

While we are getting ready for Christmas, there is something else that we must be prepared for as well. Jesus promised that he would come again and the Bible tells us that we must be watching and be prepared for his return. We all know when Christmas is coming, but when will Jesus come again? The Bible says that no one knows the hour of his return. Not even the angels who announced his birth know when he will come again.

If we don't know when he is coming, how can we be prepared? If we want to be prepared for Jesus' coming, we must always be busy doing the things that he told us to do. We must be loving God and loving one another. What are some things we can do?

It is fun and exciting to prepare for Christmas, but we must also be prepared for that day when Jesus comes again.

Dear Father, we love this season of the year. We love the preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Help us also remember that he is coming again and that you have told us to be prepared. In Jesus' name, amen

