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³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

<p>➤ Read and re-read – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ Meditate - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</p>	<p>➤ Pray - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</p> <p>➤ Action – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do</p>
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On this the first Sunday of Advent gospel we see Jesus calling for alertness and attention from his followers. He noted how the people in Noah’s time were so caught up in their own concerns that they failed to notice the signs that were given to them. Jesus wants us to be vigilant because we do not know when the end of the world will come. If we live our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus there will be less need for worry. He does not want us to be living our lives full of anxiety and worry. Are there times in our lives when Jesus was trying to give us a sign to help us but we were too busy to notice?

Prayer:

Thank you Lord for the people who “stay awake” with us even when we are foolish and stubborn and they allow us the space to see the error of our ways.

Forgive us Lord for the times that we misuse your authority passing judgement on who is fit to enter your kingdom instead of realising that only Jesus knows the true motives of anyone.

Help us Lord in our search for truth to stay awake never thinking we are secure. Let us not be too worried but always vigilant because you will show yourself at an hour we do not expect.