

SESSION FOURTEEN: How can I be ready for Jesus? *Luke 12 v 35-48*
Full Route

1. That one day he will return to his world, unexpectedly and without warning (v 40). When he does, he'll serve those who are waiting for him (v 37).
2. We need to be ready (v 40) and watching out for Jesus' return (v 36-37). If we are, then we will eat with him and be served by him (v 37).
3. We don't know *when* he will return. But we do know that he will return!
4. We can be ready by recognising and living with him as our master now, in preparation for when he returns to his world, just as the servants in the parable did (v 36-37).
5. That he has left people the responsibility of looking after others in his world until he returns (v 42); that when he does return, those who have lived as he asks will enjoy the world and all that's in it (Jesus' "possessions", v 44); and that for some, Jesus' return will bring punishment (v 46).
6. That we show we know that Jesus is going to return by using any position of responsibility for others to serve and look after them, rather than to further our own ends.
7. The parables are addressed to those who have heard the message about Jesus (ie: us!) We need to recognise and live for Jesus in order to be ready for his return; we need to show we are ready by looking after his people in whatever way he's given us to do that.
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 - a) Puts him in charge of his possessions (v 44).
 - b) Punishes him (v 46-47).
 - c) He will reward those who have done as he asked; he will punish those who have lived as though he wasn't coming back, by shutting them out of his kingdom (v 46).