

What Would Jesus Say to Living Hope?

Part 1

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Series: Knowing Tomorrow—Living Today

“Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”
Matthew 24:42–44 ESV

I. Who are the _____?

Three Truths about Churches

1. Local Churches Exist in _____

“I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.”
Revelation 2:9 ESV

2. Local Churches Are _____

3. Jesus Works With Each Church _____

“Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”
Revelation 3:19–20 ESV

II. The Church that Lost its _____

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.’”
Revelation 2:1 ESV

Jesus _____ to Ephesus

1. _____

“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil,”
Revelation 2:2a ESV

(Also: 1 Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 14:13; Revelation 2:2)

2. _____

“but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.”
Revelation 2:2b ESV

3. _____

“I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary.”
Revelation 2:3 ESV

4. _____

“Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.” Revelation 2:6 ESV

Jesus _____ of Ephesus

“But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.” Revelation 2:4 ESV

Jesus _____ for Ephesus

“Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.” Revelation 2:5 ESV

“I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first.” Revelation 2:19 ESV

“If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.” 1 John 4:20 ESV

(Also: Revelation 2:5)

Am I Really to Meet Jesus?

*“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”*
Revelation 2:7 ESV