



Video Sermon Notes: April 26th 2020

Easter Reflections: The Return

Philippians 2:14-16 + Hebrews 9:28; 10:35-39; 12:1-2

*Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious, see the Man of sorrows now
From the fight returned victorious, every knee to Him shall bow
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crowns become the Victor's brow*

1. In our prosperous world, we must be very careful as believers that Jesus remains our single focus of worship. What are some things that easily distract you from Jesus?

READ: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

Can you identify any trends or comforts in our world today that entice you towards the false message of "Peace and safety"? What is implied in the phrase, "the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night"?

2. Do you find it easy or hard to run? Why?

READ: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

Here at the end of Paul's life, he declares "I have kept the faith". Jesus is crowned with many crowns in **Revelation 19:12**; how does the promise of the "crown of righteousness" here in 2 Timothy relate to both Jesus and the concept of a race? What is the danger of longing for a "crown" vs "longing for His appearing" (vs 8c)?

3. Christians are currently waiting. The nature of our waiting is of crucial importance. Why do you think it's so hard to wait?

READ: Luke 12:42-46

We are told to "keep watch" in **Matthew 24:42-44**, and here in Luke the returning Master is expecting to find his servants acting in accordance with his will. What are some ways you honor God while you wait? Do you think God is too slow (**2 Peter 3:8-9**)? How are you differentiating between the world's values and God's will while you wait for Jesus' appearing (**Titus 2:11-14**)? What "good" things are you eager to do for Jesus?