

# SHOCKING CLAIMS OF JESUS – *Episode 5: Watch!*



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**Game Strategy** – Many of us have experienced a spiritual awakening but the world tries to put us back to sleep. Jesus says we must watch because we do not know the day or the hour. We must be ready.

Be ready to take the field for this workout by completing the **Pregame Film Study**. Your contributions to the Huddle Discussion in our workout are vital to our team success. Remember we win and lose as a team!

## **Pregame Film Study**

1. View or listen to the episode referenced above.
2. Go deep with the Scripture References, Coaching Tips and Catechism Connection on page 2.
3. Reflect upon the **Huddle Up** questions below and jot down your thoughts.

**Huddle Up** – Use these questions for personal reflection to share with your team at the workout.

## **Warm-up Questions:**

1. What particular point(s) caught your attention the most in this episode?
2. What is something useful that you learned from viewing this episode that you can apply in your own life?

## **Workout Questions:**

1. What is your interpretation of the Scripture passage Matthew 24:42-44?
2. How should you prepare yourself for when this day comes, so you are not caught off guard?
3. If the Lord called you home today, how do you think he would judge you? (2 Corinthians 5:10)
4. Eventually, each of us will face the Lord for two judgments: One, the personal, called the particular judgment and the second, called the final judgment. What is your understanding of each of these? (The Catechism gives a thorough explanation in paragraphs 1021-1022 and 1038-1041).
5. When you pass away and your family and friends are asked to write something about you – what do you think they would say? (Matthew 25:21)

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**Team Workout Plan** - Watch the Kickoff, Game Plan and Red Zone video segments as a team. Break into huddles for discussion of the questions.

**Postgame Recap** - Watch the End Zone video segment as a team. Take note of the tips from the CTG team:

1. Find others in your parish to stand with you.
2. 1 Peter 4:7-8. Be on mission. Love one another.
3. Ask yourself if you are ready. Pray to become ready.

Complete your **Personal Action Item**. 

### **Scripture References**

Matthew 24:36-44

Matthew 25:21

James 5:7-11

2 Peter 3:11-18

1 Timothy 6:11

2 Corinthians 5:10

### **Coaching Tips**

What do we do to be watchful?

- Daily prayer
- The Sacraments
- Daily reading of Scripture
- Be in community
- Frequent Adoration
- Be on mission; do your job - love one another.

Be alert and watchful by living each day in the Lord. We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The way to end well is to live well. Think of your death often and you will find wisdom.

### **Catechism Connection**

**1021** Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgement primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul – a destiny which can be different for some and for others.

**1022** Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgement that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven – through a purification or immediately, - or immediate and everlasting damnation. At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love.

**1040** The Last Judgement will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour; only he determines the moment of its coming. Then through his Son Jesus Christ he will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation and understand the marvelous ways by which his Providence led everything towards its final end. The Last Judgement will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustice. Committed by his creations and that God's love is stronger than death.

See Also: **672, 1038, 1039, 1041**

### **Personal Action Item**

Develop a plan of action based upon our prayer and discussion related to the topic. How does the Lord want this topic applied in your life? Keep it simple – one or two action items.

*I commit to becoming spiritually fit by...*