



Ready or Not - Week One

“You’re Asking The Wrong Question”

Luke 20:27-38

Being ready for a new world means being alive in this one.

It’s Almost Advent (but still Pentecost)

This three-week series will help us prepare our hearts for Advent

We will always be surprised by Christ, but if our hearts are open, we can glimpse what we can do “in the meantime.”

Today, we will read a passage in which a group of religious leaders attempts to outwit Jesus in a theological debate over the resurrection.

Trying to explain to emerging generations how things “used to be.”

“Must-See TV,” entertainment events, FOMO

We could never have imagined a different world.

Which is why it’s so hard for us to imagine a different world than the one we inhabit. Our imagination isn’t big enough to grasp it.

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- *A word about the Sadducees and their beliefs about the afterlife.*
- *They present Jesus with a ridiculous scenario (one they’ve used before)*
- *Jesus essentially tells them they are asking the wrong question.*
- *The question is really about death, and God’s power to overcome it.*
- *Jesus presents a vision of living that is free from the fear of dying.*

When you become free from fear (especially of death), you are loosed to be fully alive in this life.

We can’t embrace a hopeful future by living in the rear-view mirror.

What Is Jesus Saying To The Church Today?

1. *Live ready to demonstrate what a life without fear can offer.*
2. *Live ready to lift the value of each human being.*
3. *Live ready to show what it looks like to be fully alive.*

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SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

FOR FURTHER READING:

The Way of Jesus Christ
Jurgen Moltmann

Practicing The Way
John Mark Comer

Jesus For Everyone: Not Just Christians
Amy-Jill Levine

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