

**Jesus said to his disciples:**

**“Gird your loins and light your lamps  
and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding,  
ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks.**

**Blessed are those servants  
whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival.**

**Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself,  
have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them.**

**And should he come in the second or third watch  
and find them prepared in this way,  
blessed are those servants.**

**Be sure of this:  
if the master of the house had known the hour  
when the thief was coming,  
he would not have let his house be broken into.**

**You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.”**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**