

# THE TABLE SALT DEVOS

"Adding flavor and preserving tradition at the Family Table on the week of Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>"

Matthew 24:36-44

36"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 38For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; 39and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. 40Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. 41Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. 42"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 43But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. 44So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

The Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to GOD!**

## FAMILY CHALLENGE



This Advent season create a family blessing. You may come up with your own, or fill in the blank below for your Advent blessing.  
"As you wait for Jesus, may God fill you with \_\_\_\_\_"  
As you say these words,  
make the sign of the cross on each other's foreheads.  
Be sure to decide when each day this season you all will bless one another.



Even though Christmas isn't here yet,



the rest of the world is celebrating!



What's your favorite Christmas song?

1. In the first verse, "that day" refers to the end of the world as we know it. It is the time when Jesus will come and make the whole earth and ' people all over the world better! Who does Jesus say knows when this hour will come?
2. Why does Jesus tell us to keep watch?
3. If you knew that someone was going to break into your house tonight, what would you do during the day to get ready for this burglar?
4. While Jesus is not a burglar, we have to be ready for his return. Even Noah had no idea when the rains and floods would come, he only knew he had to have the ark and all the animals ready. How can we "keep watch" for Jesus?