

third watch and find them so, blessed are those servants . . . Be ye therefore ready also for the Son of Man comes at an hour when ye think not."

Was he speaking to people who lived after certain events take place and at that ~~xxx~~ time they are to be ready because the Lord will come when they think not? There's nothing in the context to justify this. Absolutely nothing. But that thought may have occurred to Peter. We don't know. Anyway we find that Peter asked a question (v.41.): "Lord speakest thou this parable unto us, or even unto all?" The Lord's answer was to repeat the exhortation and to stress it. He was saying, This is for all Christians and at all times. They are to be ready for they do not know when the Lord will come. This is something the Lord desires all Christians should have as one of their characteristics. Not being tied up with the things of this life, because the Lord might come at any time. Being about His business rather than worrying about our own concerns, our own advances, our own problems because the Lord may come at any time. Being diligent in His work, because He will come at such an hour as we think not. And how the church has neglected this truth. Of course we don't preach about this all the time. It would be absurd to preach about this all the time. It would be absurd to preach about the resurrection all the time! But we certainly should preach about the resurrection a great deal, not just at Easter. We should preach about this and have this in mind and be ready, and we should comfort one another with these words.