



WATCHFULNESS.

Matthew 24:42-51.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your
Lord doth come. Matthew 24:42.

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(Will some one at home teach the child the lesson.)

LESSON HYMN.

True, loving service let me bring,
Watching and waiting for my King :
Watching, for none can tell the hour
When he shall come again in power.

It was on Tuesday, the last day that Jesus preached to the people. In three more days he would be crucified. As he went out of the temple he told his disciples that some day that beautiful building should be destroyed, and great troubles should come upon Jerusalem. He also said that some day he would return from heaven. His disciples asked him when he would come again. He told them that no one but his Father knew the time, and said, " Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." If we will watch faithfully, Jesus' coming will not take us by surprise, as a man is taken by surprise when a thief breaks into his house. When a master comes and finds his servant faithfully doing his work, he will reward him; but the servant who thinks his master is not soon coming, and who is unfaithful and wicked, the master, when he comes suddenly and finds him doing wrong, will punish. The way to watch for Jesus is to do just what he would like to have us do.

What did Jesus say should happen to the temple ?

What should happen to Jerusalem ?

What did he say he would do some day ?

What did he say about the time of his coming again ?

What command did he therefore give ?

What did he say about a faithful servant ?

What about an unfaithful servant ?

What is the way to watch for Jesus ?

Lesson Truth — Jesus bids me watch while I wait for him.