

information that this was to be the attitude of all His disciples during the (end of belt)

The ~~ix~~ exhortation to be ready was given to the disciples to show the attitude Chns<sup>e</sup> should take, but it certainly did not apply during the time when Christ was still with the disciples. It is obvious that it did not apply immediately after His resurrection when He was meeting with them occasionally and teaching them the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. It obviously did not apply during the days immediately after the ascension for He told them they were to wait in Jeru<sup>s</sup> for the promise of the Spirit and then to be witnesses to Him to the very ends of the earth. They could have ~~KK~~ known that the exhortation was not given <sup>those</sup> ~~for that~~ immediate (3rd) days but that it was something considered by the Lord to be of sufficient importance to stress and repeat many times, though not immediately applicable.

The question has been raised, how could the disciples ever have had an idea that Christ might come back very soon, since Peter was ~~þ~~ specifically told that he was to die a cruel death. As ~~þ~~ long as Peter was living the exhortation to be ready at any time for the Lord's sudden appearing could not be applicable. Here, however, we realize that that we are in a different situation than ~~sxxx~~ situation different from ~~xxxx~~ people today. There was then no TV, no radio, <sup>telephone(?)</sup> no telegraph. No one could know whether Peter had yet been killed unless he was in the very town in which Peter was living. Of course (nc) Jesus told Peter that when he was old he would die, so for a few years everyone could know that the Lord was not yet coming back. In fact, in Matthew He says that kingdom shall rise against kingdom and there will be wars and rumors of wars, so the ~~sxxx~~ disciples had every reason to think that a considerable ~~period~~ of time would pass

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