

Come as You Are

I remember many years ago being picked up for a pajama-come-as-you-are party. What fun we high school girls had arriving at a party in various nighties. We literally had to go at that moment with no warning it was coming. Fortunately, in those days, most of us at least slept in pajamas of some kind.

What would happen if Jesus suddenly came, knocked on your door and said “Come, now.” Would we recognize him? Would we believe him? Would we want to say goodbye to others? Would we say to Jesus, “Give me a minute, ok?” Easy to say yes, we would recognize him and that we would go with him. But what happened to the people who saw him the first time he came to earth? Most rejected him and did not recognize who he was.

Are we prepared for him to come again? 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 tells us, ***“Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.”*** A thief does not make an appointment with you; he simply comes on his own timetable. Is your house ready to protect against a thief? Is your life ready to recognize and go with Jesus when he comes? Is everything settled with your loved ones? Of course, you’ll always have some items left undone but are your relationships healthy? Do some issues needing to be settled or forgiven?

Perhaps this week we need to ponder our readiness for Jesus second coming. It could be anytime; we simply do not know. Thus, making the point that we just need to be ready no matter when. Is it time to forgive someone? Is it time to tell someone how special they are? Is it time to repay a debt? Is it time to say, “I’m sorry.” Is it time to write a letter? Well, let’s get it done and be ready in case Jesus comes to take us to that pajama-come-as-you-are party!