

Today's Theme

# “Anticipate Jesus Showing Up”

Series Title

## “Walking With God 2021” Part 7

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To Walk With God I Must Be Willing To:

1. Follow God's lead in my life.
2. Tell the truth about my failures & sin.
3. Apply God's wisdom in relationships.
4. Learn thankfulness to walk with God.
5. Stay connected to God's spirit in Life.
6. Have a plan in dealing with evil.
7. *Look* for Jesus to work *alongside* us.

Why Is Jesus Showing Up Often Missed

1. We've learned to live *unaware*.
2. Even when we see it we often *forget*.
3. Missing these moments *limits* impact.

Jesus Gives Us Three Roles In Life

1. We are to be the *salt* of the earth.

Matthew 5:13 “You are the salt of the earth.

2. We are to be the *light* of the world.

Matthew 5:14 “You are the light of the world.

John 8:12 . . . “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

3. We are a special *friend* of Jesus.

John 15:15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

## Divine Appointments & Circumstances

### 1. **Ask Jesus what's in store for me today?**

Eph 5:15 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

### 2. **Planned appt with those we know.**

Mark 10:35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” 36 “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. 37 They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” 38 “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” 39 “We can,” they answered.

### 3. **Surprise appt with those we don't know.**

John 4:4 Now he had to go through Samaria. 5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. 7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?”

### 4. **Circumstance with Peter's mom-in-law.**

Luke 4:38 Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. 39 So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

### 5. **Circumstance with Paul's shipwreck.**

Acts 28:1 Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. 2 The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold.

### 6. **Circumstance with deadly snake.**

Acts 28:3 Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. 4 When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, “This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, the goddess Justice has not allowed him to live.” 5 But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. 6 The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead; but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

### 7. **Circumstance with serving & blessing.**

Acts 28:7 There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days. 8 His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. 9 When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured. 10 They honored us in many ways; and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.

## Things We Can Count On

1. **Nothing is a surprise to God.**

2. **Divine appointments happen regularly.**

3. **People are different after seeing Jesus.**

4. **Jesus often shows up in circumstances.**

5. **Jesus works through circumstances.**

6. **When circumstances hit look to Jesus.**