

Embrace
Holy
Living

RE- FLECTING GOD

11/27/12 - Be Prepared

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Luke 1:11-25

Sir Robert Baden-Powell founder of the scouting movement penned the motto: "Be Prepared." The Boy Scout Handbook explains the motto's meaning, "Baden-Powell wasn't thinking just of being ready for emergencies. His idea was that all Scouts should prepare themselves to become productive citizens and to give happiness to other people. He wanted each Scout to be ready in mind and body for any struggles, and to meet with a strong heart whatever challenges might lie ahead. Be prepared for life?to live happily and without regret, knowing that you have done your best. That's what the Scout motto means."*

The world was unprepared for the arrival of God's Son. Even the Jews, though they expected the Messiah, were looking for an earthly king, an anointed leader who would overthrow their enemies and reestablish David's kingdom.

Jesus did not need a palace, a throne, or an army prepared for his arrival. He was looking for prepared hearts.

The cry to "be prepared" grows in importance as the time of Jesus' return approaches.