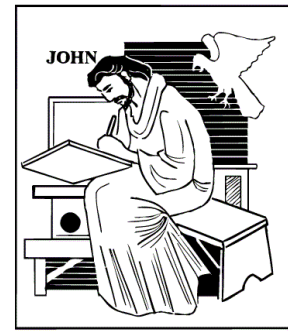
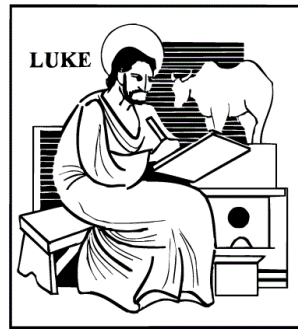
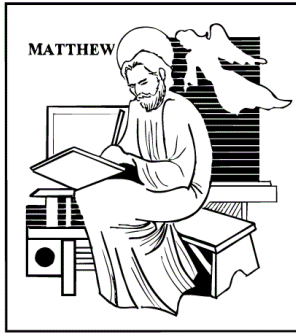


## Breaking Open the Word



### November 30, 2014 First Sunday of Advent Lectionary: 2 Gospel [mk 13:33-37](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

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**Spiritual Reflection:** There are times in life where we can find ourselves on a sort of autopilot. For example we can drive to a place and upon our arrival realize that we do not remember many of the details of our trip. Our Lord Jesus Christ today warns us about going through life this way. Today's Gospel ends as if Mark forgot a word after the word "Watch!". Do you think that Jesus meant "Watch me!" as I show You God's love? Do you think Jesus meant "Watch out!" for sin and therefore repent? Or did Jesus mean "Watch This!" as I show you the way to the Father?

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### Spiritual Questions:

1. What are you going to do this year to make this year's Advent different?
2. Why is it important for servants to be ready for their master's return?
3. What tasks or duties has the Lord entrusted to you while He is away?
4. What are we to "watch for"?
5. What happens if we are not prepared for our master's coming?