



**From Really Ugly to
Jesus' Glorious 2nd Coming
(Part 2 of 2)**



MARK



**Be watching, be ready, be awake, be on guard,
and be prepared for Jesus' 2nd Coming.**



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Jesus tells us a lot about His 2nd coming so we can be prepared.



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