



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of August 13, 2023

Sermon Text Luke 17:20-37

[20] Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, [21] nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.” [22] And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. [23] And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them. [24] For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. [25] But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. [26] Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. [27] They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. [28] Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, [29] but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—[30] so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed. [31] On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. [32] Remember Lot’s wife. [33] Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it. [34] I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. [35] There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.” [37] And they said to him, “Where, Lord?” He said to them, “Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.”

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Discussion Questions

1. In your opinion, how have people throughout the ages misinterpreted Jesus Christ? Why do you think even the most religious people often fail to understand who Jesus truly is?
2. What do you think Jesus meant when He said, ***“The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”*** Is the Kingdom of God in the midst of you? How do you know?
3. Are you, (or do you know of) a person who lives from one “spiritual high” to the next? If so, what is Jesus’ warning in this passage? Instead of seeking “spiritual highs” to get us through the difficulties of life, what does Jesus remind His disciples of in v.25? How does this help?

4. Are you more preoccupied with the things of this life or with the things of the life to come? How do you know? As Christians we may **not** be plagued by obvious evil and immorality. Even so, does Jesus' warning, "*whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it*" still apply to you? If so, how?

5. Jesus ends this passage by speaking of dead bodies and vultures. Why do you think He uses such hard language and why do we end up feeling like we're being scolded? If Jesus is a loving, kind, gentle Savior, why such a harsh rebuke?