

## Luke 17:20–37

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### The Coming of the Kingdom of God

<sup>20</sup> Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, <sup>21</sup> nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.”

<sup>22</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. <sup>23</sup> People will tell you, ‘There he is!’ or ‘Here he is!’ Do not go running off after them. <sup>24</sup> For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. <sup>25</sup> But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

<sup>26</sup> “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup> People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

<sup>28</sup> “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. <sup>29</sup> But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

<sup>30</sup> “It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed. <sup>31</sup> On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. <sup>32</sup> Remember Lot’s wife! <sup>33</sup> Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it. <sup>34</sup> I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>35</sup> Two women

will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.” <sup>36</sup>

<sup>37</sup> “Where, Lord?” they asked.

He replied, “Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather.”

#### The Big Idea:

**Christ’s Kingdom is already here  
growing -----  
hidden in ordinariness and trouble  
and will come -----, completely,  
and irresistibly  
with judgment or blessing forever**

**Let us worship and love and follow our King  
while His Kingdom is growing gradually  
until the day it appears  
suddenly and with great joy!**





COME WATCH THE TREES GROW!



"WATCH OUT!"