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## Kingdom Come, Kingdom Coming

Luke 17:20-37

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“Where God’s Way Has its Way”: The Kingdom of God is at the center of Jesus’ Good News: Mark 1:15

### **Part One: The Pharisees’ Blind Spot: Verses 20-22**

“When?” reveals their current lack of sight

The Kingdom cannot be observed in the “here/there” of political and/or religious vindication

Rather the kingdom is in your midst. The kingdom is within grasp. In the person of Jesus.

The weakness of “the kingdom is within you” (KJV, AV) translation

### **Part Two: The Disciples’ Blind Spot: Verses 23-25**

Longing for the days that have been (one of the days of the Son of Man)

The seduction of shortcuts and secrets to ease the tension

The clarity and the universality of the Day of the Lord

But first the rejection and suffering and the appearance of defeat and collapse.

The suffering foretellings in Luke: 9:21-22, 9:43-45, 18:31-34)

### **Part Three: The Kingdom Coming with Judgment: Verses 26-37**

The universality of the coming of the Kingdom like lightning (verse 24)

The unexpectedness of the coming as in Noah and Sodom

The suddenness will reveal the heart condition of the caught

The preservers are those who are like Lot’s Wife; they live looking on the thing given up (see Luke 9:62)

The losers are those who are looking to whom they are being given over (see Hebrews 12:1-2)

The preservers and losers will be divided into camps (sheep/goats: Matt 25:31-46, wheat/tares: Matt 13:24-30)

### **Judgment and the Kingdom of God**

That this kingdom coming has a judgment element is clear from the Noah, Sodom, and vulture references

Judgment is telling the truth of what is, declaring the verdict in the sight of all

The publicly declared verdict becomes a boundary marker: “this goes on no more!”

The publicly declared verdict allows the natural progression to move uninhibited toward its fruition

Tares and dead branch thrown into the fire is not “punishment” but rather “culmination”

The Day of the Son of Man unlike the day of Noah’s flood or Sodom’s brimstone

Still the possibility of choice! Let go of the house goods! Remember Lot’s wife! Verses 31-33