

The Kingdom of God is Within You

Luke 17:20-37

Key Verse: 17:21

“...nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is within you.”

1. Read verses 20-21. What did the Pharisees ask Jesus? Why did they ask this? How did he answer? What did Jesus mean by “careful observation”?
2. What does he mean when he says, “the kingdom of God is within you?” or “the kingdom of God is among you?” (footnote) How does the kingdom come within us? Or, “among us?”
3. Read verses 22-25. What did Jesus tell his disciples? What does it mean that they will long to see one of the days of the Son of man but will not see it? Why must we not follow those who say “here he is” or “there he is”?
4. What will the day of the Son of man be like? (24-25) What must happen first, before that day? What does it mean that he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation?
5. Read verses 26-32. What were the people of Noah’s time doing when the flood came? Why were they unprepared? What did the people of Lot’s time have in common with them?
6. What does this tell us about the coming of the Lord? What should be our attitude when Jesus comes? Why should we remember Lot's wife? What else should we learn from these examples from the past?
7. Read verses 33-37. Why is it futile to try to save one’s life on the day of the Lord? What does it mean to be taken and what does it mean to remain? How do people seek to keep their lives? What makes the difference between those who are taken and those who remain?