

## The Coming of the King

Luke 17:20–37

### Main Point

Since Christ and His kingdom will come with suddenness at His return, you need to be spiritually prepared for the coming of the King.

### I. Christ's Kingdom — *will fully come with the coming of the King*

#### A. The Kingdom's Coming

1. The Pharisee's longed for the Davidic kingdom to rise with the warrior Messiah as its ruler (e.g., Zech. 9:9; 14:1–9).
2. Though the religious leaders wanted the obvious signs of the coming kingdom, Christ assures them that the kingdom would come in a way they did not expect.

#### B. The Kingdom's Reality

1. "The kingdom of God is *within you*" (NKJV, NIV) — while this is a legitimate option for translating Luke's Greek phrase, it is better (and less theologically confusing) to translate it as "the kingdom of God is *in your midst*" (NASB, ESV).
2. The kingdom was "in their midst" because *the King was there!*

### II. Christ's Coming — *will happen with dramatic suddenness*

#### A. Christ's Coming will be *sudden*.

1. This is not to say that there will be no signs at all (cf. Luke 21:7–28)
2. The moment will still be in a sudden flash—in spite of the various signs.

#### B. Christ's Coming will be *future*.

1. Christ came as the suffering servant at His first advent (v. 25).
2. Christ will come one day in the future (often referred to as "the day of the Lord"). (v. 22, 24)

#### C. Christ's Coming will be for *judgment*.

1. Jesus illustrates the suddenness of the judgment with two Old Testament equivalents:
  - a) Noah and the Flood (Gen. 6–8)
  - b) Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19)
2. The point of all these illustrations is to encourage people to:
  - a) Remember the past (v. 32).
  - b) Be prepared for the future (v. 33).