

The Coming of the Son of Man

Luke 17:20-37

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Jesus said, "Don't bother looking for the Kingdom of God. It's not something you can see. The Kingdom of God is inside you.

"The time will come when you will desperately wish you could see the coming of the Son of Man, but you won't see it. Don't bother to go looking! The coming of the Son of Man will be like lightning flashing from one end of the sky to the other – sudden, unexpected, and visible to everyone, everywhere. But first he must suffer terribly and be utterly rejected.

"Life will be just as it was in the time of Noah. People were eating and drinking and being married, right up to the very day when Noah went into the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all – only Noah and his family were left. It was the same in the time of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building right up to the very day when Lot left Sodom. Then fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all – only Lot and his daughters were left.

"That's how it will be – sudden, unexpected, all-encompassing – when the Son of Man is revealed. Two people will be sleeping in one bed; the unbeliever will be taken, the believer will be left. Two people will be grinding grain together; the unbeliever will be taken, the believer will be left."

The disciples asked, "Lord, where will this happen?"

Jesus responded by quoting a famous proverb, "Where there's a dead body, that's where vultures will gather." Which is to say, it will happen wherever it's needed. Which is to say, it will happen everywhere.