

## The Gospel of Luke

### The Second Coming of the Son of Man

Luke 17:20-37

1. A Question From the Pharisees: **When?** (vs.20-21)  
The Pharisees regularly behaved in such a way so as to trap Jesus (Luke 6:7; 14:1; 20:20). They have demonstrated that they are unwilling to believe Jesus, and are therefore currently missing out on the kingdom of God.
2. **Preparation** for the Coming of the Son  
Jesus turns to His disciples for what to expect as they await the fulfillment and consummation of the kingdom of God.
  - A. The **Disciple's** Preparation for the Coming of the Son (vs.22)
    - I. You Will Greatly Desire to See It (v.22)  
The fulfillment of God's promises and the return of the Son are both hope and motivation to the believer (Rom. 8:22-23; Ti. 2:13; 1 John 2:28; 3:2-3).
    - II. Do Not Be Deceived in Your Desire for It (v.23)  
The danger in desiring to see the return of the Son is that some will be deceived into believing that they must look in a certain place or that they have missed Him altogether (cf. Matt. 24:23; Mk. 13:21).
    - III. You Will Know For Certain When It Arrives (v.24)  
The disciples are not to be led astray or fear that they will miss the days of the Son because His return will be seen by everyone (cf. v.37).
  - B. The **World's** Preparation for the Coming of the Son (vs.26-30)  
Unlike the disciples, the world will be intentionally and devotedly focussing on the prosecution of normal life. The judgment of God at the coming of the Son will violently disrupt the mundanities of life (see Gen. 6-7, 19).
3. **Suffering** of the Son Will Precede His Revelation (v.25)  
Jesus' suffering, death, and ultimately His resurrection, is the purpose for going to Jerusalem. The disciples needed to be continually reminded (Luke 9:22; Mk 8:31; 9:31; 10:33-35).
4. **Judgment** By the Son Will Accompany His Revelation (vs.30-35)
  - A. Life Will Be **Normal** (v.30)  
The lessons from the days of Noah and Lot are that God's judgment, though not without prior warning, will come swiftly and catch men unawares.
  - B. A **Warning** to the Disciples (vs.31-32)  
There is an ever-present danger of being closely associated with the things of

God while being too infatuated with the things of this world (Luke 8:14; 9:62 14:26).

- C. An **Admonition** to the Disciples (v.33)  
Jesus disciples must continually be focussed on what is of utmost value and importance. Doing so will bring a high cost before the day of judgment (cf. Luke 9:24).
  - D. The **Judgment** Will Divide Men (vs.34-35)  
In many ways there will be very little distinction between those who are taken in judgment and those who are saved. The division will be clear and it will be final (cf. Matt 7:21-23; 25:31ff).
5. A Question from the Disciples: **Where?** (v.37)  
While the disciples would be given further details concerning the return of Jesus (cf. Acts 1:11), that information is not important at this time. The disciples only need to remember that the return of Christ will not be secret, but visible to all (cf. v.24).