



MESSAGE 65:
PRESENT AND COSMIC STUFF
LUKE 17:20-37

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FOCUS QUESTION

In this passage what does Jesus say about the present state of the Kingdom of God and about his future return?

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1. THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS HERE RIGHT NOW.

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LUKE 17:20-21

Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed,²¹ nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

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**THE RETURN OF CHRIST MARKS
THE BEGINNING OF THE FULL
MANIFESTATION OF THE
MEDIATORIAL KINGDOM OF GOD
ON THE EARTH.**

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MEDIATORIAL KINGDOM OF GOD

God's rule over the earth through a chosen mediator, namely, Jesus, his Son, who acts on God's behalf and represents humanity before God.

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2. THE RETURN OF CHRIST WILL BE OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE.

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LUKE 17:22-
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And he said to the disciples, "The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. ²³ And they will say to you, 'Look, there!' or 'Look, here!' Do not go out or follow them. generation

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LUKE 17:22-
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²⁴ For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. ²⁵ But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation

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3. THE RETURN OF CHRIST WILL BE UNEXPECTED AND BRING DECISIVE JUDGMENT

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LUKE 17:26-
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Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. ²⁷ They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

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LUKE 17:26-
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²⁸ Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot—they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, ²⁹ but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all—

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LUKE 17:26-³⁰ *so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.*

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4. THE RETURN OF CHRIST WILL REVEAL ALLEGIANCES

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LUKE 17:31-33 *On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back.*

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³² *Remember Lot's wife.*
LUKE 17:31-33 ³³ *Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it.*

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5. THE RETURN OF CHRIST WILL SEPARATE PEOPLE INTO VINDICATED AND JUDGED.

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LUKE 17:34-35 *I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. ³⁵ There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left."*

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**6. THE RETURN OF CHRIST WILL
BE RESULT IN DEADLY
JUDGMENT.**

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LUKE 17:37

*And they said to him, "Where,
Lord?" He said to them,
"Where the corpse is, there
the vultures will gather."*

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**APPLICATION
QUESTIONS**

When Christ is fully
revealed at his coming will
you be vindicated or
judged? Will you lose your
life now so you can keep it
then?

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