

The coming of the kingdom (Luke 17:20-37)

Introduction

The CAN'T-MISS event of human history

Unmissable in the sense that...

i. Verse 24

ii. Verse 22

The big concern: missing out on our can't-miss event!

1. Don't be deceived by the wrong expectations (v.20-21)

What the Pharisees asked (and didn't ask)

Really, they're questioning...

Jesus' reply: "The kingdom is in your midst"

(Note: In the NIV1984, it's translated as the kingdom is "within you", but that could cause us to wrongly imply here the kingdom is in our hearts, so the NIV2011 updates and clarifies the language)

If we take our eyes off Jesus

2. Don't be daunted by the prospect of suffering (v.22-25)

The time of verse 22

When we'll be especially vulnerable to people proclaiming verse 23

Don't go running after them!

Instead, take heart (v.25)

3. Don't be distracted by the preoccupations of this life (v.26-30)

What Noah, Lot and the day of the Son of Man have in common

Seduced by "normal"

4. Don't be double-minded in our walk with God (v.31-37)

Drop everything now! Remember Lot's wife!

For there's going to be a day of separation

Why we don't have to be scared