



## The Coming Kingdom

## Luke 17:20-37

### Something to Start Us Off

- What do you think it means to be ready for Christ's return?

### Something to Notice

- Who asked the initial question to get Jesus started on this subject? And what did they ask about? But then who receives the main body of Jesus' teaching (v.22)?
- In v.25, Jesus says that something has to happen to him. What is it?
- Jesus compares the time of his coming to the days of two Old Testament characters. Who are they and in what ways will the situations be similar?

### Something to Understand

Luke 17:37 is a difficult verse to interpret. The most plausible understanding of it that it was a figure of speech meaning something like, "A thing will happen when the conditions are right." So, in this case, the meaning might be stated, "When the situation is ripe for judgment, judgment will surely come."

- Let's try to draw at least one lesson out of each of the following sections:
  - Jesus' teaching about his return in vv.22-24.
  - What the circumstances of Christ's return will be in vv.26-30.
  - One aspect of his return in vv.31-36.
- Note that a teaching which began by speaking about the coming kingdom turns into a teaching about the King's return. In what ways do you think the coming kingdom and the King are related?

### Something to Take Home

- Based on our study of this section of Luke 17, what would you say it means to be ready for Christ's return?
- Is there anything else this look at Luke 17:20-37 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?