



LUKE



The *Mysteries* of the Kingdom of God

Luke 17:11-37

The mystery, the enigma is that Christ is the king of a kingdom that already is but is not yet.

My goal with this sermon is to help us be more effective in the kingdom that is while being well prepared for the kingdom to come.

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Luke 17:11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? **Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?**” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Those who respond to God may not be the ones
we expect.

You should expect a wide variety of people to join the body of Christ.

You should not be surprised if even some of our close relatives choose not to enter the kingdom of God

Luke 12:49-53

“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

John 7:1-7

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Jesus' own brothers don't believe.

Application: We rejoice in our own salvation.

Luke 10:20

“However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

We grow in godliness so that are lives don't cause others to look down upon Christianity.

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2. **The Kingdom of God comes in an unexpected manner.**

Luke 17:20-25

Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.”

Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. People will tell you, ‘There he is!’ or ‘Here he is!’ Do not go running off after them. For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

The kingdom of God comes in a very unexpected manner. It comes by repentance of sin, faith in Christ and living in the power of the Spirit.

At first it is spiritual, it rules over the hearts and minds of men before it is physical at Christ's return.

Application

From verse 22, we must hang onto our faith in difficult times.

Applications

1. In the Spiritual kingdom you endure trials you would rather not go through. You keep hoping and praying because we don't walk by sight we walk by faith.
2. Jesus is a lot more concerned about the condition of our hearts, minds and souls than we are. He is more willing to grant you the miracle of soul salvation than physical restoration right now.
3. It is as if God is saying to us there needs to be devotion before there can be paradise.
4. Of my soul I can say with the apostle Paul to be absent of the body is to be present with the Lord. 2 Cor. 5:8
5. Of my body, until the resurrection, all I can say is ashes to ashes and dust to dust.

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- 3. The Kingdom of God comes at an unpredictable time.**

Luke 17:26-30

“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

“It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

“It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.

The moral of the story is the same as the first. God will preserve the righteous and destroy the wicked and his judgment will come suddenly without time for repentance. Jesus tells these stories to help his listeners understand that when he returns, the time for salvation will have ended. One must enter the kingdom now by faith, when he is fully visible by everyone only those who have already believed can escape his wrath. The consummation of history, indeed, of the kingdom of God itself, is realized in the revelation of the Son of Man.

Luke 17:31-37

On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. Remember Lot's wife! Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it. I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left."

"Where, Lord?" they asked.

He replied, "Where there is a **dead body**, there the vultures will gather."

Luke 21:34-36

“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

Be Ready

Be Growing

2 Peter 1:3-7

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness, and to goodness knowledge, and to knowledge self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness love.

Be Growing

2 Peter 1:8-11

For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.

Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Be United

Philippians 1:27-28

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel, with being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.

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