

Personal/ Small Group Sermon Study

The King Is Coming

Week of November 15, 2020 A.D.

Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Let's talk about that in this lesson.

Read Luke 17:20-21

1. Please describe in your own words the images or thoughts which come to your mind when you hear the words "the kingdom of God".
2. Some Bible scholars say that the proper translation of verse 21 is that "the kingdom of God is among you" and other Bible scholars say that the proper translation of verse 21 is that "the kingdom of God is within you". Please explain why each translation can be theologically correct.

Read John 18:33-37

3. Is Jesus a King? If Jesus is a King, please explain the meaning of what Jesus states in verse 36. If Jesus' kingdom is not of this world, then (a) who is the king of this world and (b) how can Jesus be the divine King who rules over the entire universe? Please explain your answers.

Read Luke 17:22-25

4. The Old Testament frequently refers to the coming Messiah as the "Son of Man." Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement "The first time, Jesus came to earth as a suffering servant. The next time, Jesus will come to earth as a conquering king."
5. To whom is Jesus speaking in these verses? Imagine that you are one of Jesus' disciples. What do these verses mean to you as you hear them spoken by Jesus? Please explain the reasons for your answer.
6. Are you excited about the second coming of Christ to earth? If so, why? if not, why not? Please explain your answers.
7. If Christ had not come to earth the first time as a savior, would you be excited about Christ coming now as a King to judge and to rule over mankind? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

Read Luke 17:26-29

8. Please compare and contrast the mind set and the life-focus of the people described in Philippians 3:18-19 with the people described in Luke 17:26-29. How do the behavior patterns of the people described in these two passages compare with the behavior patterns of the general population of people in America today? In your opinion, is America destined for destruction? In not, why not? If so, why?

Read Luke 17:24, 30

9. Do these verses describe the same event or two different events? Do either of these verses describe the same event which is described in (a) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and/or (b) Revelation 19:11-16? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

Read Luke 17:30-32

10. If a person has not already received Christ as his or her Savior, will that person be able to receive Christ as Savior on the day which is mentioned in verses 30-31? If a person ignores the warnings of verse 31, will that person go to heaven? Please explain the reasons for your answers.
11. Refer to verses 32-33. Why did Lot's wife lose her life? Will a person go to heaven if they decide to "lose their life" on the day that Jesus returns; or, can a person go to heaven only if the decision to "lose their life" is made before Jesus returns? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

Read Luke 17:34-37

12. Is the person described here "taken" to heaven or to hell? What happens to the person who is not taken (i.e "left") in these verses? Do the verses found in Revelation 19:19-21 shed any light on the verses from Luke 17:34-37? Please explain the reasons for your answers.

Consider: At His first coming, Jesus came as a suffering servant. The next time, Jesus is coming as a conquering King. So, a wise person will receive Jesus as his Savior now so that he or she will not be condemned to hell when Jesus reveals himself as the eternal king at His second coming. "You think about that." Amen.