

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

A Message of Hope and Fulfillment For Those Longing For God

Signs of His Coming

Luke 17: 11-37

Introduction: We are to be Kingdom people who live in anticipation of His return.

I. The Kingdom of God Comes to a Leper (verses 11-19)

- A. On the way to Jerusalem — more about time and destiny than about geography
- B. Ten lepers recognize Jesus and plead for help
- C. One recognizes Who Jesus is, and that he has been visited by the Kingdom of God

II. The Pharisees' Question and a Surprising Answer (verses 20-21)

- A. The Kingdom of God is a Person, not an event
- B. The Kingdom of God has already made its advent and is in their midst: they are talking to Him

III. Information for the Disciples (verses 22-37)

- A. As we move closer to the end of the age, true believers will long more and more for the return of Jesus (verse 22)
- B. Do not be misled by false reports and false Messiahs, His coming will be obvious and unmistakable (verses 23-24) — an aside about Jesus' suffering
- C. As His coming draws near, for many in the world life will go on as usual (verses 26-30)
- D. Vigilance and preparation is imperative for true disciples — they must not be tied to this world and its goods (verses 31-33)
- E. The rapture will be sudden and definitive and the focus of His return will be oriented to Jerusalem at the end of the age (verses 34-37)

Conclusion: Where is your treasure? In what area are you most vested? Are you living in anticipation of His return?

*The one who has this hope in Him purifies himself,
just as He is pure. I John 3:3*

While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. As He entered a village, ten leprosy men who stood at a distance met Him; and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed. Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well." Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst." And He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it. They will say to you, 'Look there! Look here!' Do not go away, and do not run after them. For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day.

