

The Kingdom of God Now and Then

The Kingdom of God is here now.

- *“Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.” (Luke 17:20–21, ESV)*
- *“Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” (John 18:36, ESV)*

The Kingdom of God is coming.

- The pivotal event of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ must first take place.
 - *“But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.” (Luke 17:25, ESV)*

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- There will be a time when Jesus will be physically absent from the world.
 - *“And he said to the disciples, “The days are coming when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.” (Luke 17:22, ESV)*

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- The return of Jesus to establish His kingdom here on the earth will be an unmistakable event.
 - *“And they will say to you, ‘Look, there!’ or ‘Look, here!’ Do not go out or follow them. For as the lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day.” (Luke 17:23–24, ESV)*

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- Life on earth will be progressing normally at the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - *“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.” (Luke 17:26–27, ESV)*

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- Life on earth will be progressing normally at the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - “Likewise, just as it was in the days of Lot — they were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building, but on the day when Lot went out from Sodom, fire and sulfur rained from heaven and destroyed them all — so will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed.” (Luke 17:28–30, ESV)

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- There will be no opportunity for preparation when the event occurs.
 - “I tell you, in that night there will be two in one bed. One will be taken and the other left. There will be two women grinding together. One will be taken and the other left.” (Luke 17:34–35, ESV)
