



September 17 & 18, 2016 | The Coming of the Kingdom | Luke 17:20-37 | Kent Eilers

1. In this series, it seems that every story or parable has a “SURPRISE,” or a twist ending, reminding us that things are not always as they SEEM.
2. We understand again that God’s view of most EVERYTHING is quite different than MAN’S perspective.

**To the Pharisees (as the disciples listen in) (20-25)**

Do not be preoccupied with watching for SIGNS because the Kingdom of God is ALREADY HERE (*“in your midst”*).

The word order in Greek: *“the Kingdom of God in your midst is*

**To the Disciples (as the Pharisees listen in) (26-37)**

Do not be DECEIVED as you wait: when the Son of Man returns it will be SUDDEN and UNMISTAKABLE.

*“The Son of Man in his day will be like lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other” (24)*

*“Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather” (37)*

Do not be PREOCCUPIED with daily stuff: when the Son of Man suddenly returns your PRIORITIES will be REVEALED.

Noah: *“People were eating and drinking...then the flood came...” (27)*

Lot: *“People were eating and drinking...then fire and sulfur rained down...” (28-29)*

Lot's wife: *“Remember Lot's wife!” (32)*

**If the Kingdom of God really is “*in our midst*,” what should be our point of view about the daily stuff?**

**food and clothing**

**marriage and children**

**jobs and careers**

**recreation and hobbies**

**sports and entertainment**

**culture and the arts**

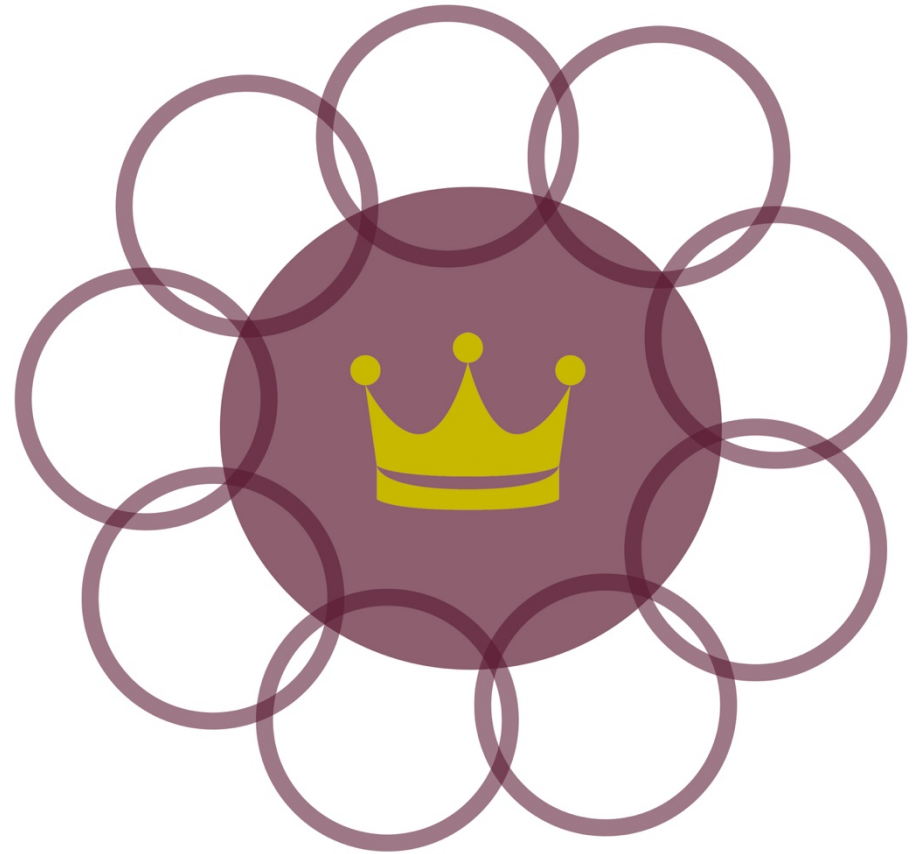
**friendships and community**

**politics and voting**

**spending, saving, and giving**

**education and training**

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**Hindrance:** We buy into unlivable HIERARCHIES.

**Hindrance:** We DIVIDE what should be UNIFIED.

**Hindrance:** We FEAR what this could mean for our DAILY STUFF.

