



Sermon Notes: No Time to Lose

1. Paradox of The Coming of The Kingdom.

- a. It's already here.
- b. It's not yet here.
- c. In the in-between time there will be suffering and rejection.

2. Characteristics of The Coming of The Kingdom.

- a. It will be unmistakable.
- b. It will be worldwide.
- c. It will be sudden.
- d. It will be inescapable.
- e. It will be disastrous for those who are not prepared.

3. Reactions to The Coming of The Kingdom.

- a. Reject the extremes of indifference and endless speculation.
- b. Let your future hope shape your present reality.
 - 1) Commit your soul's security to the King.
 - 2) Find your identity and satisfaction in relation to God.
 - 3) Share the gospel with a sense of urgency.



Application Questions: No Time to Lose

1. In a typical day/week, how do you observe ordinary Christians living with intentionality in light of the imminent return of Jesus Christ?
2. How would you say Jesus' teaching on his imminent return – and what happens after that – has most impacted your day-to-day lifestyle?
3. How do you feel about the imminent return of Christ? What primary emotion does it evoke when you stop and think about it?
4. When life goes on as always, day after day, what do you tend to think and feel about this doctrine of the imminent return of Christ?
5. Why do you think Jesus refers to the casual indifference of Noah's and Lot's cultures, rather than their excessive wickedness? In what ways can casual indifference be more of a hindrance to faith than even wickedness?
6. Why should you remember Lot's wife?
7. What do you tend to build your identity on? What do you tend to seek your satisfaction in? What will happen to these the moment Christ returns?
8. What does Jesus call you to build your identity on? What does he call you to seek your satisfaction in? How would these affections transform the way you live in light of Christ's return?
9. What excuses do you tend to tell yourself for why you're not sharing the Gospel with a greater sense of urgency? What are some theological reasons you *ought to* overcome those excuses? What are some practical ways you *can* overcome those excuses?
10. What one thing will you do this week in light of the fact – and the nature – of Christ's return?