

Context

- 1] New section – set his face to Jerusalem (9:51) now, on his way to J (17:11)
- 2] He was dealing with Pharisees then disciples - (15:2 - 16:1, 16:14 -17:1, 17:20-17:22)
- ???
- Why does this sentence appear here about losing one's life – it seems isolated? (33)
- Why – 'Where?' (37)

The Kingdom of God - present (20, 21)

- 1] to Pharisees

- 2] 'Kingdom of God'
Cf To Pharisees (16:14, 16)
God rules as the King

- 3] Kingdom not with observation / here or there
 - a) Now- Jesus been preaching (4:43)
 - b) Not yet (11:2)*I.e. not physical'*
God's Kingdom is 'evident' now to all of us.

- 4] Kingdom within you
Ie come now but not yet in fulfilment (e.g. 11:2)
God does not give physical proof of His operation
We have all we need now – the Kingdom is among us

The kingdom of God fulfilled (22 – 36)

- 1] to disciples (22a)
Nb apostles (17:1,5)

- 2] Son of man
Nb God, himself (Daniel 7:13)
Ezekiel – his humanity (cf c 70 times used)
Cf Jesus – his divinity forgive sins (5:24) Lord of the Sabbath (6:5)

- 3] Days of Son of man (Fulfilment of Kingdom of God)
 - a) Longed for (22b, 23)
It is of God that we long for the day of the Lord
 - b) Sudden - Like lightning (24)
cf Lightning and the Gods appearing (Ex 19:6)
 - c) After suffering and rejection of Jesus (25)
cf suffer (9:22; 22:15; 24:26, 46)
* God gave his son before we understood / responded*
* Jesus had to suffer *

- 4] 'Just as....' (26-29)

1) Noah (26, 27)

a) Eating, drinking, being given in marriage

b) Flood – destroyed all.

Cf Genesis 6:5-23

2) Lot (28, 29)

a) eating, drinking, buying and selling, planting and building.

b) ‘fire and sulphur from heaven – destroyed all.

cf (Genesis 19:1-28)

* Be ready for the return of the Lord*

5] Like this (30-35)

a) Son of man revealed (31)

cf hidden things revealed (10:21)

b) on that day

1) those completely committed

Nb unlike Lot’s wife who looked back I.e. tried to keep life’

cf In the field (Lk15:25)

Do not let anything or anyone keep you from the Lord

2) save his life will lose it (9:24)

3) judgement

cf binary -either / or.

Be warned – some are lost and some find Jesus

Eh!? (37)

1] Disciples – ‘where’?

Cf the last question – WHEN does the kingdom of God come (2)

Ans - now and fulfilled suddenly later

Nb now WHERE does the (Kingdom of God) come?

2] Jesus – Dead body – vultures

Nb Dead - take up cross and follow me (14:27)

Losing life will preserve it (17:33)

+ve Where there is a sign of death (to self) – there the Kingdom of God comes

There is evidence of a life that has died in Jesus

Main Point The unchallenged rule of God is evident now where people have given their life to Jesus and will be witnessed by all, on the sudden return of Jesus.

Key verse ‘...the Kingdom of God is among you’ (21)

Pharisees challenged Jesus about when the Kingdom of God would come. He said it was already among them (20, 21)

He told his disciples the day was coming when they would long to see the Son of Man but would despite rumours. He would be seen by all but after he had suffered. (22-26)

This would be as sudden and devastating as in Noah and Lot’s time. (27-30)

Only those who are prepared to give all / lose their life will be saved – the rest lost (31-36)

It will be evident where this has happened in a person’s life (37)