

# SERMON LISTENING WORKSHEET

**Date:** July 20, 2025

**Passage:** Luke 17:22-30

**Title:** The Days of the Son of Man

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## What is this sermon about?

The return of Jesus.

## What is it saying about it?

What believers need to know most about Jesus' return.

## What is the flow of the message?

1. Introduction
2. Four Key Truths About Jesus' Return
  - a. There will be a delay
  - b. It will be obvious
  - c. Jesus' death is a necessary part of the plan
  - d. Many will not be ready
3. Conclusion
  - a. "Are YOU ready?"
    - i. Three Questions for Reflection:
      1. "Are you really a Christian?"
      2. "Are you living for the glory of Jesus?" (not just worldly pursuits)
      3. "Are you continually crying out and longing and praying for the return of Jesus?"
    - ii. The most important thing to know about the end times is that there *is* an end times, and God's plan, revealed through Jesus, will culminate in His glorious return and judgment.

## What is the sermon in brief?

This message instructs believers on four essential truths about the "days of the Son of Man." It provides an urgent warning against becoming so engrossed in what's happening right now that one is unprepared for what comes next. It calls listeners to ensure their faith is genuine, their lives are dedicated to Christ's glory, and they actively long for His return.

## What to be thinking about when leaving this sermon?

- Understand that Jesus foretold a delay in His return, so don't be discouraged by the passage of time or fooled by those who question it.
- Recognize that Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection were not a failure but an essential, strategic part of God's plan to defeat Satan, sin, and death, making it possible for humanity to enter His kingdom.

- Reflect on whether your daily activities and worldly concerns are distracting you from being spiritually ready for Christ's return, learning from the examples of people in Noah's and Lot's days.
- Ask yourself if you are truly a Christian, trusting solely in Jesus' work for salvation, as a right understanding of who He is now is crucial for readiness for His return.
- Consider if your life is primarily about living for Jesus' glory, rather than just eating, drinking, marrying, and making money without an eternal perspective.
- Reflect on whether you genuinely long for Jesus' return and actively pray for it, as this desire is an indicator of true readiness.

### **What are some discussion questions?**

1. People are often not interested in eschatology, or they can be interested in unhelpful ways. What are some reasons you think people react to the topic of the end times in these different ways?
2. Jesus' return will be delayed and will be "obvious" when it happens. How do these two points help you adjust your expectations about the future, and why might it be tempting to fall for ideas of a secret or immediate return?
3. Jesus "MUST suffer many things and be rejected" before His glorious return . Why was Jesus' suffering and death an "absolutely essential part of God's strategy" rather than a failure?
4. Jesus uses the examples of Noah's and Lot's days to warn against being "too occupied with what's going on in their lives right now" . In what specific ways might modern life lead us to become distracted and unprepared for Jesus' return?
5. The message concluded by asking, "Are you living for the glory of Jesus?" and "Are you continually crying out and longing and praying for the return of Jesus?". What practical changes could you make in your daily life to better reflect these questions?
6. How does understanding God's timeless nature - that "everything is eternally present with Him" - help us process the two-thousand-year delay in Jesus' return, which can feel very long to us?
7. The most important thing you can ever know about the end times is simply that there is an end times. How does this foundational truth impact your perspective on current events and your future?

### **Forty Nine Passages about the Return of Christ: (From**

<https://benjaminvrbeeck.com/blog/2025/7/8/the-contemporary-church-has-a-giant-blind-spot-to-the-return-of-christ>)

- Matthew 24:29–31
- Matthew 26:64
- John 14:1–3
- Acts 1:11
- Acts 17:30–31
- Romans 8:18–24
- Romans 14:10–12
- Romans 16:20
- 1 Corinthians 1:7–8
- 1 Corinthians 4:5
- 1 Corinthians 11:26

- 1 Corinthians 13:12
- 1 Corinthians 15:50–58
- 1 Corinthians 16:21–22
- 2 Corinthians 1:14
- 2 Corinthians 5:8–11
- Philippians 1:6
- Philippians 2:9–11
- Philippians 2:16
- Philippians 3:20–21
- Colossians 3:3–6
- 1 Thessalonians 1:9–10
- 1 Thessalonians 2:19
- 1 Thessalonians 3:12–13
- 1 Thessalonians 4:15–18
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23–24
- 2 Thessalonians 1:6–10
- 2 Thessalonians 2:8–10
- 1 Timothy 6:13–16
- 2 Timothy 4:1–8
- Titus 2:12–14
- Hebrews 9:23–28
- Hebrews 10:24–25
- James 5:1–10
- 1 Peter 1:3–21
- 1 Peter 4:7, 12–13
- 1 Peter 5:1–5
- 2 Peter 1:16–19
- 2 Peter 2:9
- 2 Peter 3:1–13
- 1 John 3:2–3
- Jude 1:17–21, 24–25
- Revelation 1:1–20
- Revelation 11:15
- Revelation 19:11–16, 20
- Revelation 20:1–10
- Revelation 21:1–4
- Revelation 22:1–5
- Revelation 22:12–20

**What is your takeaway?**

## **IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION**

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