

**ULC Sermon Study Resource**  
***The Gospel of Luke // Jesus Reveals***  
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**Prayer:** Pause for a few moments to go to the Lord in prayer. Ask that He would draw near to you in this time, and open your heart and mind to hear His Word.

**Icebreaker:** What is your favorite movie or TV show?

**Reading:** Luke 17:20-37

**Outline:**

- I. Don't miss what's in front of you (v. 20-25)
  - a. Jesus tells the Pharisees that they are already in the midst of the kingdom of God.
  - b. We should avoid preoccupation with signs, which could cause us to miss Jesus right in front of us.  
**Q: *What do the Pharisees ask Jesus?***
- II. Don't miss what's ahead of you (v. 26-32)
  - a. Jesus reminds us not to lose sight of the future reality of God's healing reign on earth.
  - b. If we remain content with the evil in our hearts, when Jesus returns, we will face judgment.  
**Q: *What two biblical examples does Jesus provide in these verses?***
- III. Don't miss the obvious (v. 33-37)
  - a. We need to draw our strength from Christ and not ourselves. By resting in His grace and focusing on His return, we will be prepared for the day he sets the world right.
  - b. Jesus' return will be as obvious as when the disciples gathered around Jesus' body, or when we gather to receive His body and blood at the Lord's table.  
**Q: *What does Jesus say will happen to someone that tries to keep their life?***

**Reflection/Application Questions:**

- 1) Can you think of a time when you got distracted and missed Jesus right in front of you?
- 2) How can we remain focused on Jesus and avoid distractions or preoccupation with signs?
- 3) What does it mean to you to stay focused on what is ahead? Why is this important?
- 4) What does it mean to have a failure of nerve or a failure of heart? Can you think of an example?
- 5) Do you feel prepared for what is ahead and what is to come? If not, why?

**Suggestions for further study:**

- Daniel 7:13-14 **Q: *Who does Daniel see and how does this connect to today's reading?***
- Genesis 19:23-26 **Q: *What did Lot's wife do and why did Jesus use that as an example?***
- Revelation 1:7 **Q: *How does this relate to what we read in Luke today?***

**Closing Prayer:** Lord Jesus, teach us to live in joyful anticipation of your return, and help us to recognize the ways that you are present with us now. May we draw close to you in your word, in your sacraments, and by the power of your Spirit in prayer. God, help us to look forward to that return and to not have failures of nerve or heart. Help us to be faithful in our love toward you and toward others. We ask that you continue to strengthen us as your people. We pray all this in your holy name, Amen.