

# Your Kingdom Come

—Riddles from Q, Week 12—

*Matthew 24/Mark 13/Luke 17 (NIV)*

## Matthew 24

(see 24:23)

<sup>23</sup> At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘There he is!’ do not believe it. <sup>24</sup> For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. <sup>25</sup> See, I have told you ahead of time.

<sup>26</sup> “So if anyone tells you, ‘There he is, out in the wilderness,’ do not go out; or, ‘Here he is, in the inner rooms,’ do not believe it.

<sup>27</sup> For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

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## Mark 13

(see 13:21)

<sup>21</sup> At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. <sup>22</sup> For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. <sup>23</sup> So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time.

## Luke 17

<sup>20</sup> Once, on being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, “The coming of the kingdom of God is not something that can be observed, <sup>21</sup> nor will people say, ‘Here it is,’ or ‘There it is,’ because the kingdom of God is in your midst.”

<sup>22</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The time is coming when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it.

<sup>23</sup> People will tell you, ‘There he is!’ or ‘Here he is!’ Do not go running off after them.

<sup>24</sup> For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other.

<sup>25</sup> But first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

If you would like to analyze these passages visually, you can: (1) highlight in blue material shared exactly in all three gospels (underlining in blue material that is similar but not exact); (2) highlight in yellow material that is shared exactly between Matthew and Mark but is not in Luke (underlining in yellow material that is similar but not exact); (3) highlight in green material that is shared exactly between Mark and Luke but is not in Matthew (underlining in green material that is similar but not exact); (4) highlight in red material that is shared exactly between Matthew and Luke but is not Mark (underlining in red material that is similar but not exact). The red material is Q material!

**Matthew 24**

<sup>37</sup> As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away.

That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.  
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<sup>15</sup> “So when you see standing in the holy place ‘the abomination that causes desolation,’<sup>w</sup> spoken of through the prophet Daniel—let the reader understand—<sup>16</sup> then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

<sup>17</sup> Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house. <sup>18</sup> Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak.

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**Matthew 10**

<sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup> Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

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<sup>28</sup> Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.

**Mark 13**

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<sup>14</sup> “When you see ‘the abomination that causes desolation’<sup>j</sup> standing where it does not belong—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

<sup>15</sup> Let no one on the housetop go down or enter the house to take anything out. <sup>16</sup> Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak.

**John 12**

<sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

**Luke 17**

<sup>26</sup> “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. <sup>27</sup> People were eating, drinking, marrying and being given in marriage up to the day Noah entered the ark. Then the flood came and destroyed them all.

<sup>28</sup> “It was the same in the days of Lot. People were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building. <sup>29</sup> But the day Lot left Sodom, fire and sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.

<sup>30</sup> “It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.

(see Luke 21:20-21)

<sup>31</sup> On that day no one who is on the housetop, with possessions inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything.

<sup>32</sup> Remember Lot’s wife!

<sup>33</sup> Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it.

<sup>34</sup> I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left. <sup>35</sup> Two women will be grinding grain together; one will be taken and the other left.”<sup>[36]</sup>

<sup>37</sup> “Where, Lord?” they asked.

He replied, “Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather.”

The Bottom Line:

\_\_\_\_\_ know the \_\_\_\_\_; so \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_.

...by entering \_\_\_\_\_, when it is present and available \_\_\_\_\_.

...by \_\_\_\_\_ that Christ will \_\_\_\_\_ and you will not \_\_\_\_\_ if you \_\_\_\_\_.

...by being willing to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_, every day, in every way.