

**Lesson 24**  
**The Preparation For the Interregnum**  
**Part II**

**I. Introduction**

- a. In the final phase of our Lord's earthly ministry He continued to prepare His disciples for the interregnum by more definitely stating a \_\_\_\_\_ rather than a temporal Kingdom. This can be gleaned from the record through the following:
- The promise of a second coming
  - The transfiguration as a foretaste of the Lord coming in His glory
  - The promise of a share in the future Kingdom
  - The correction of the disciples expectation of an immediate Kingdom
  - The official and final offer of Messiah at Jerusalem

**II. The Promise of a Second Coming**

- a. Following the open declaration of the necessity of His death, our Lord immediately promises that He will come again, this time in the \_\_\_\_\_ they had expected on the basis of OT prophecies. *Matt 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. KJV*
- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ work of the King, according to Jesus, begins at the second coming and corresponds with OT prophecies of the establishment of the Kingdom. This judging work never occurred at His first advent. *Matt 25:31-32 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:KJV*
- c. While the OT prophecies clearly depicted Messiah as both a glorious and a suffering person, it was not until His first arrival that the idea of two \_\_\_\_\_ comings of Messiah could be clearly revealed.
- d. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ the idea of a future Kingdom on earth when He taught His disciples to pray. All NT Scripture agrees in setting that goal, not in the present world order, but in the future at His second coming. *Matt 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. KJV*
- e. By promising a second coming, Our Lord sets the time of the establishment of the Kingdom in the future since logically the \_\_\_\_\_ and reigning of a King are necessary ingredients to his kingdom's establishment. *Matt 16:28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom. KJV*

**III. The Transfiguration as a Foretaste of the Lord Coming in His Glory**

- a. The Disciples, having just realized that Christ was going to Jerusalem to His death needed some \_\_\_\_\_ as to the reality and nature of the Kingdom they had been preaching to Israel. *Matt 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. KJV*
- b. In order to provide that reassurance, the Lord gives to three of His disciples a \_\_\_\_\_, in miniature, of His second coming in glory. *Matt 17:1-2 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. KJV*
- c. \_\_\_\_\_, himself seems to agree with this understanding. In addition, nearly all the early expositors, the fathers, and the mediaeval interpreters, find in the transfiguration the fulfillment of the promise. *2 Peter 1:16-17 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. KJV*
- d. The example of the \_\_\_\_\_ makes crystal clear at least two things:
1. When the Kingdom comes at the Lord's Second Advent, it will be tangibly evident to \_\_\_\_\_. *Matt 17:2-3 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. KJV*
  2. The arrival of the Kingdom will be attended by great \_\_\_\_\_ events. *Matt 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. KJV*

**IV. The Promise of a Share in the Kingdom**

- a. It was only natural that the new revelation of the Lord's impending death should have raised questions in the minds of His disciples about the promised Kingdom and their \_\_\_\_\_. Christ hastens to reassure them. *Luke 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. KJV*
- b. The disciples are instructed to rid themselves of their preoccupation with worldly possessions and turn their attention to their important and immediate duty in anticipation of their \_\_\_\_\_. *Luke 12:41-44 Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? 42 And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? 43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. KJV*

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- c. This teaching of a future \_\_\_\_\_ was substantially repeated a little later in reply to a question posed by Peter, in which Jesus reaffirmed it. *Matt 19:27-29 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? 28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. KJV*
- d. Weak, selfish, and vacillating as the disciples showed themselves to be, yet the Lord graciously renewed this promise of future blessing in His Kingdom at the \_\_\_\_\_. *Luke 22:28-30 Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. 29 And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; 30 That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. KJV*

**V. The Correction of the Disciples Expectation of an Immediate Kingdom**

- a. In NT times subordinate kings went to Rome to receive the \_\_\_\_\_ to their kingdoms from the Roman Emperor, and then returned to reign. The son of Herod, Archelaus, received his kingdom in this fashion.
- b. This is similar to Christ's interregnum. Christ received His investiture from the Father upon His resurrection and \_\_\_\_\_, but, with the intention not to occupy it till His return at the second coming. *Luke 19:11-14 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. KJV*
- c. The king's absence is said to be a \_\_\_\_\_. Thus, this parable was given to guard against the error of His disciples that the Kingdom could come at once without first having a departure and a return on the part of the King. *Matt 25:19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. KJV*
- d. It is important to note that this parable was not given until the rejection of Christ had become historically \_\_\_\_\_ and also, after the revelation that there would be a second coming of the King. *Luke 18:31-33 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished. 32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on: 33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again. KJV*

**VI. The Official and Final Offer of Messiah at Jerusalem**

- a. Our Lord's final entrance into Jerusalem is unlike any of His previous entries to that city and marks a clear public assertion of His Messiahship and a call for national \_\_\_\_\_ of that fact.
- b. He was \_\_\_\_\_ in making this particular journey to Jerusalem. *Luke 9:51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, KJV*
- c. His journey to Jerusalem was circuitous, deliberate, and unhurried, possibly extending over a period of five months. The Lord appoints \_\_\_\_\_ messengers, who will act as heralds before their approaching King as He makes His way. *Luke 10:1 After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. KJV*
- d. Each of the gospel writers record Christ's entry into Jerusalem and give elements of the historic and prophetic picture that unfolded in that day as the King of the Kingdom publicly \_\_\_\_\_ His Kingship. *Luke 19:38-40 Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. 39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. 40 And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out. KJV*
- e. The actions of the people: i.e. the spreading of branches and their garments in the way, and their praises underscore the \_\_\_\_\_ meaning given to our Lord's entry into the city. *John 12:12-13 On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. KJV*
- f. The protest of the Pharisees \_\_\_\_\_ these acclamations of the multitude reveals that they were fully cognizant of the Messianic implications this triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. *Luke 19:39 And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. KJV*
- g. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the King over His own city and nation marks the decisive and irrevocable turning point in the offer of Christ and the refusal of Israel to embrace her King. *Luke 19:41-44 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, 42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. 43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, 44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation. KJV*

**VII. Application**

- a. In what ways are you personally impacted by Christ's delay in returning to set up His Millennial Kingdom?
- b. To what extent do you think those things affect your service toward Christ?
- c. What do you need to do to guard against the negative effects of those things?