

CrossWay Church is a Bible-teaching church intentionally building disciples of Jesus Christ using His model as our example.

Our ministries and activities are intended to promote spiritual growth and opportunities for service.

CrossWay Church is a place where you and your family can grow, love, and connect with others who are on a journey with God.

We want to glorify God together by loving and serving Him and our fellow man.



Welcome to CrossWay Church

The Days and Day of the King and His Kingdom
Part 2

Luke 17:20-37

Pastor Gregg Laskow

Current Series

The Gospel According to Luke

Welcome

We are so glad you joined us today as we worship the Lord together again! We pray that you will experience the joy and encouragement which only comes through knowing Jesus Christ personally.

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General Fund Year to Date: Week 32 of 52

Budget to Date Weekly Budget
\$343,168 \$10,724

Offerings Received Dec. 8, 2024
\$425,533 \$18,529

"For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him."

Colossians 1:16 (ESV)

Worship Order

9:10 a.m.

Prelude
New Member Welcome
Mark & Anna Robinson
Praise
Scripture Reading
1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
Prayer
Micah Albrycht
Pre K-1st graders may be checked into KidSide
Hymns #379
"I'd Rather Have Jesus"
Pastor Gregg Laskow
Message
Song
"How Rich A Treasure We Possess"

Break

10:45 -11:00 a.m.

Coffee and tea are available in the Connections Café.

Bible Fellowship

11:00 -11:40 a.m.

Pre-K-4th grade may head to KidSide. High School and Middle School meet in the Youth Center.

Missionary Update - The Csiha Family
Q&A with Pastor Gregg
in the sanctuary

Offerings may be placed in the offering boxes by the doors.

"And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.'"

Luke 14:23 (ESV)

Announcements

Parent/Child Dedication

Our next Parent/Child Dedication will be held on Sunday, January 26th. If you would like to learn more, please see Pastor Gregg or contact the office.

2024 Contributions

Contribution for 2024 can be mailed or put into the offering boxes at the rear of the sanctuary until December 31st. If you have any questions, please email the office.

Volunteers

The January-March 2025 volunteer schedule is available on Planning Center and the church website. If there are any dates for which you are scheduled but cannot serve, please let the office know who will be serving in your place. If you need any assistance please contact Angel Petersen.

The Csiha Family

Marci and Rachel Csiha, along with their three sons, are visiting today from Hungary. Marci will be giving an update on their ministry and church in Oroszlány during ABF. Plan to stay and hear how the gospel is being spread and discipleship strengthened in Hungary.

December						
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CrossWay Ministries

CrossWay Mommas

CrossWay Mommas meets on Friday, December 20th, 9:30-11 a.m. Mommas of elementary age children and younger can see Laura Gehris for more information.

Hymn Sing!

Please join us on Sunday, December 22nd at CrossWay Church for a Christmas Hymn Sing from 6-7 p.m. All are welcome to attend and please bring the whole family. Steve Schwoyer will be our accompanist. Come ready to sing; we are looking forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please reach out to Micah Albrycht.

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Friday, January 3rd, 7-8:15 p.m. our monthly prayer gathering will meet at the church for a time of prayer. Please see Ann Medianick for more information.

Missions Ministry

Please be praying for the “W” family, serving globally:

- ★ R’s trip to Europe and Africa
- ★ Church of the Nations reaching many for Christ
- ★ Protection for the family during R’s absence
- ★ Those who are unable to meet corporately due to persecution
- ★ For many in the majority world to see their need for salvation

Looking Ahead

Dec. 15 - High School Ministry, 6:30-8 p.m.
 Dec. 20 - CrossWay Mommas, 9:30-11 a.m.
 Dec. 22 - Hymn Sing, 6-7 p.m.
 Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m.
 Jan. 3 - Monthly Prayer Meeting, 7-8:15 p.m.
 Jan. 11 - Monthly Men’s Breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m.

The Days and Day of the King and His Kingdom, Part 2 (Luke 17:20-37)

1. The Question of the Pharisees (v.20)

- As in the previous account (v.11-19), the reader is uninformed about the location or time frame of Jesus' engagement with the Pharisees and His disciples. Presumably, it took place during the same time frame.
- The curiosity of the Pharisees concerning the "kingdom of God" was rooted in a desire to understand when it would arrive. What did they believe?
 - (1) The Messiah would come in the manner of King David (2 Sam. 7), (2) there will be hardships before the Messiah comes, and (3) there would be astrological signs before He comes.
- Jesus does not answer their question about the locality of the kingdom of God because Jesus' kingdom is not of this world (Jn. 18:36). Despite the prevalent theology of the day, the cosmic signs and locality of the kingdom are coming (present tense) in ways that cannot be observed.

2. The Inauguration of the Kingdom (v.21)

- The coming of the kingdom is "in your (Pharisees) midst." The kingdom of God is within their grasp/reach and is among them: operative in the world, discerned by those who repent (Lk. 3:3-8; Matt. 4:17), confirmed by signs and miracles (4:16-30; 7:22-28; 9:1-6; 10:18; 11:20; 16:16) with the accompaniment of the dwelling and filling of the Holy Spirit by faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. Those who receive Jesus (Jn. 1:12) display a pattern of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Spirit (Rom. 14:17).

The kingdom of God includes His providence and sovereignty over everything. This benefit is procured through the active and passive obedience of the incarnate Son, creating a community of regenerated, converted, and sanctified people within His spiritual kingdom. Jesus' kingdom is both here and coming. It cannot be understood apart from Jesus' reference to Himself. The kingdom of God is God's people and God's rule. It is a proto kingdom before the consummation of the kingdom, coming on the day of the Son of Man, distinct from the days of the Son of Man (v.22).

3. The Caution to Jesus' Disciples (v.22-23)

- The Pharisees' question will now become a springboard to addressing His disciples, who may have been curious about matters concerning the kingdom.
- In this address, Jesus does not establish a strict theological-eschatological timetable, as He does not explicitly answer the when and where of His coming(s).

While there is the current day of the Son of Man, which they are experiencing, there will come future days when they long for what they will not see. They will desire to see Jesus' kingdom come (Matt. 6:10) and are to pray to that end.

4. The Presentation and Future Revelation of the Son of Man (v.24)

- There is the "one of the days" that the disciples will desire to see but which they will not (v.22-23). However, there will be a day of the Son of Man that is His day (v.24). On this day, He will come "like lightning."
- Many Jews believed that the Messiah would appear incognito and be recognized only after inspection and only when known by Elijah. Jesus, in contrast, states that the Son of Man's appearance will be like lightning.
- Lightning is a common symbol for a theophany, an appearance of God (Ex. 19:16-19; 2 Sam. 22:15; Ps. 18:14; 97:3-4), and stresses glory and majesty.
- None will foresee it, but all will see it. That will only happen once this generation rejects the Son of Man. This generation is a metonym for dullness, wickedness, and rejection (7:31). It is a metonymy for the people of God as stiff-necked, dull, and rebellious who reject God's purposes and God's representatives (Ex. 32:9; 33:3, 5; Deut. 10:16; Lk. 9:41; Acts 7:51-53).
- Jesus is prophesying about His passion, indicating that He must suffer.

5. The Separation of the Second Coming of the Son of Man (v.27-37)

- Jesus uses two Old Testament accounts to illustrate the suddenness, decisiveness, and absolute manner of His Second Coming. There is an interplay of "day" and "days."
 - A. *Just as in the days of Noah, there was the day (v.26-27)...*
 - While the days of Noah were marked by wickedness and violence (Gen. 6:5-8, 11-13), this was not Jesus' main thrust. Noah was a herald of righteousness (2 Pet. 2:5) and warned the people of the impending judgment. There was (1) the sign of the judgment (ark) and (2) the verbal warning of the judgment (Noah as a preacher of righteousness).
 - Despite the other signs (unprecedented pairs of animals walking in the vicinity and entering the ark) and the ark's construction (around one year), they were without excuse.
 - Judgment came, and only eight survived.
 - B. *Just as in the days of Lot, there was the day (v.28-29)...*
 - Just as in the days of Noah, so were the days of Lot in Sodom; Sodom was marked by great sinners and great wickedness (Gen. 13:13; 19:4-14).
 - Lot is noted as a righteous man (2 Pet. 2:6-10). The sign of the judgment would have been in the form of the angels' warning and Lot pleading with his family to leave (Gen. 19:12-28).
 - Judgment came upon Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboiim (Deut. 29:23; Hos. 11:8), and only Lot and his two daughters survived. Not only were the cities destroyed, but also the land surrounding them (Gen. 19:25).

So will it be on the day when the Son of Man is revealed (v.30)...

- Just as there were days of Noah and Lot before the day, so are the days of the Son of Man (v.26) before the day (v.30).

What is Jesus saying?

- During the days of Noah and the days of Lot, men and women were so obsessed with the preoccupation of everyday life that they did not care to be bothered with faith and repentance. Despite various signs and warnings, they refused and perished.
- They are much like those who refused to enter the banquet (14:16-23). There is NT exhortation to watchfulness (Matt. 24-25; Mk. 13; Lk. 12:20-36; 21:5-36; Acts 3:11-26).
- The call to remember Lot's wife is more than mere mental assertion: it leads to action. While she physically left Sodom, the city never left her heart. Her "looking back" was more than mere sight; she belonged to the world, as Sodom couldn't be taken from her heart (1 Jn. 2:15-17).
- Where the vultures are, there the corpse is (v.37): eagles and vultures are birds of omen. This refers not to the Roman Army but to the dead or the dying. We are not informed of the state of those who remain after the rapture. The vultures encircle the dead and dying.
- God's judgment breaks inescapably, surprisingly, and abruptly into the mundane of life. In the same way, the coming judgment will break into every affair of life. That day is the Day of the Lord, which will proceed the rapture.
- The Second Coming will bring division and separation. The righteous will be spared from the wrath of God (Parousia/coming of the Lord). There will be a separation regardless of family, occupation, status, popularity, location, ethnicity, or race. Faithfulness requires a reversal of what you once did. It is a reorientation from identification with the present world, with no reliance on possessions and status (12:1-13:9; 33-36).
- The man or woman who has entered the kingdom entrusts His life and possessions to the will of God and is ready to depart from everything and anything and, as a result, can surrender all things to God. Kingdom citizens long to be used to encourage others in their walk and are used by God to bring others into His kingdom. While they live in this world, they are not of it.

Point of Application: