



# Daily Reflections

## November 12, 2020

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### Scripture

#### **Luke 17:20-25**

Asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, Jesus said in reply,  
“The coming of the Kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce, ‘Look, here it is,’ or, ‘There it is.’ For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you.”  
Then he said to his disciples,  
“The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, but you will not see it. There will be those who will say to you, ‘Look, there he is,’ or ‘Look, here he is.’ Do not go off, do not run in pursuit. For just as lightning flashes and lights up the sky from one side to the other, so will the Son of Man be in his day. But first he must suffer greatly and be rejected by this generation.”

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### Our Scripture Reflection

The religious leaders after complaining against and rejecting Jesus over and over again have the audacity to ask Him, when the Kingdom would come likely to make fun of Him. He responds in a most profound way. The Kingdom neither exists in time or space. It is a mystery that can only be described by way of analogy (He often says the Kingdom is like, for instance, a farmer sowing seeds, or a merchants’ search for fine pearls, etc.).

He warns that false preachers and so-called prophets will proclaim its arrival from time to time but they are both dishonest and clueless. They are not to be trusted or followed. Finally, Jesus forecasts that the Son of Man will be taken from them but will return one day in His glory. The implied message is to have faith and to persevere until His return.

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## **Food for your Journey**

The story is told of a group of farmers many years ago who decided to eat their best potatoes and to plant only the small ones. They kept up this practice for many years, even though they noticed the potatoes getting smaller and smaller. They blamed the weather and the beetles and the blight.

They kept it up until all of their potatoes were reduced to the size of large marbles. The farmers learned through bitter experience that they could not keep the best things of life for themselves and use the leftovers for seed. The laws of life and nature decreed that the harvest would reflect the planting.

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Precious Lord, Nothing in society promotes or teaches the virtues of faith or hope. To learn them I must focus exclusively on You and Your Gospels. Make me humble enough to learn from You, Lord. As I learn may I be inspired to serve the needs of others. Amen