

▼ **When Does It Happen?**

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▼ **Opening Material**

▼ **Welcome!**

- Praise the Lord!
- Welcome to another Life Church sermon!

▼ **Transition**

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- We are finishing Luke 17.
- We will have life group after the message.

▼ **Thoughts**

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▼ **Overview**

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- Review passage - Luke 4:14-21.
- Review our passage - Luke 17:11-19.
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▼ Embrace Jesus' Mission

▼ Luke 4:14-21 (NIV) - The Lord's Spirit Is Upon Me

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- ▶ Setting the Stage
- ▶ Key Previous Lessons.

▼ Feed on the Life of Jesus

- Are you “worded up”?
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- **As you read, write down any questions you have.**

► **Ask yourself the following questions:**

► **Jesus explained his teaching to his disciples:**

With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything. – Mark 4:33-34 (NIV)

▼ **Luke 17:20-37**

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“Just as it was in the days of Noah, so also will it be in the days of the Son of Man. 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.

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▼ **Parallel / Related Passages**

- Matthew 24:36-44

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“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

▼ The Coming of the Kingdom

▼ Narrative - Luke 17:20-37

- Pharisees ask Jesus when the Kingdom of God would come.
- Jesus replies that it is not something that can be observed. It is in your midst.
- Jesus tells his disciples about his return (as the Son of Man), but warns that he must first suffer and be rejected.

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▼ Observations / Background

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▼ Kingdom of God - not externally visible. The Kingdom is in your midst.

- [Bible Project: The Gospel of the Kingdom](#) (00:04:50)

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- Daniel 7:9-14

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- ▼ **Related Passage - Matthew 24:36-44**

- Note the details of this parallel passage from a different discussion.
- Jesus warns that no one knows the day or hour of his coming.

- ▼ **Jesus explains that it will be like the days of Noah.**

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- ▼ **It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed.**

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- ▼ **The Destruction of Jerusalem**

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▼ **Life Group**

▼ **Welcome (5 - 10 minutes)**

- [Icebreaker](#)

- **Worship (optional for life group meetings during Sunday service)**

▼ **Word - Discussion Questions**

For each question, spend 1 – 2 minutes in silence before you begin to respond.

- **What did this passage mean to the people who first received it?**
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▼ **Witness**

How will we work together as a team to be "good news" to the people around us?

▼ **Explore the Harvest Skills in the Training Page “Big Blueprint” diagram.**

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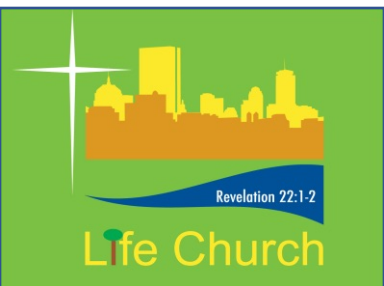
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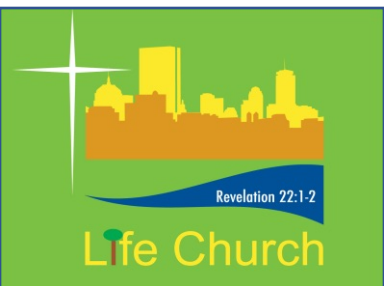


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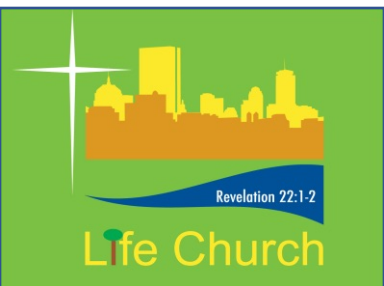




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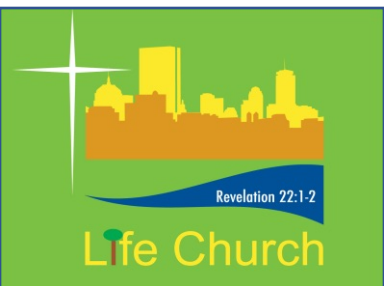


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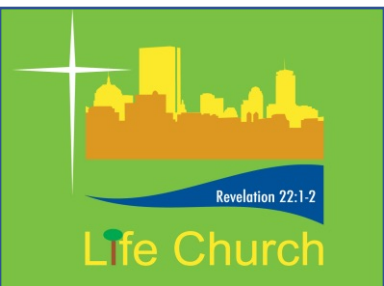


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