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## The destruction of everything

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Jesus said to his disciples:

“As it was in the days of Noah,  
so it will be in the days of the Son of Man;  
they were eating and drinking,  
marrying and giving in marriage up to the day  
that Noah entered the ark,  
and the flood came and destroyed them all.

Similarly, as it was in the days of Lot:  
they were eating, drinking, buying,  
selling, planting, building;  
on the day when Lot left Sodom,  
fire and brimstone rained from the sky to destroy them all.

So it will be on the day the Son of Man is revealed.

On that day, someone who is on the housetop  
and whose belongings are in the house  
must not go down to get them,  
and likewise one in the field  
must not return to what was left behind.

Remember the wife of Lot.

Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses it will save it.

I tell you, on that night there will be two people in one bed;  
one will be taken, the other left.

And there will be two women grinding meal together;  
one will be taken, the other left."

They said to him in reply, "Where, Lord?"

He said to them, "Where the body is,  
there also the vultures will gather."

(Lk 17:26-37)