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The Inca Empire existed from 1438 till 1532. It existed in South America and particularly in today's Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, Argentina, and Colombia. In 1532 the Inca Empire got taken over by Spain but what would have happened if the Spanish would have taken them over a hundred years later? Would this empire have expanded far enough to ward off the Spanish invasion? Would successful networks have developed? What factors of society would need to be strengthened to secure the empire from European takeover?

First, it's important to see the factors that led to the downfall of the Inca Empire. One major issue in the Inca Empire was smallpox and other diseases that have arrived in South America from Europe. Those major diseases led to a decimation of the Inca population and also weakened the resistance against the Spanish. If the Spanish had arrived a hundred years later it's possible that the Inca population would have been already more immune to these diseases and they would have been strong to resist the Spanish.

In a hundred years the Inca also would have had the chance to expand its territory and strengthen its society more (p. 352). They would have had stronger networks and hierarchies and then they would have been better equipped to resist the Spanish invasion (p.352). But in that time also the Spanish would have had time to develop stronger military technologies and tactics. Considering that the Spanish also would have had a hundred years more it's hard to say if the Inca Empire would have won a hundred years later.

To be more secure the Inca definitely would have had to use the hundred years to get militarily and economically stronger.

Overall, it's impossible to say what would have happened if the Spanish would have come a hundred years later. But considering what kind of development they could have made in that time a scenario where the Inca Empire was better equipped to resist the Spanish invasion is possible to imagine.