

Pastor's Corner

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Jesus says, "Come to Me" (Matthew 11:28a)

In the Synopsis Gospels (Matthew, Mark & Luke), there are five occasions when "Come to me" are used. Jesus said it on three occasions as in (1) Matthew 11:28; (2) Mark 19:14 & Luke 18:16; and (3) Luke 11:6.

The other two occasions are:

- (1) When Mary, Jesus' mother went to her cousin Elizabeth who was bearing John, Elizabeth said "And how has it happened to me that the mother of my Lord would come to me?" (Luke 1:43); and
- (2) Before Jesus started His ministry He went out to John the Baptist at Jordan River and asked to be baptized. John tried to prevent Him, saying "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" (Matthew 3:14)

Both the mother and the son were marveling how could Almighty God come to this world? How could Jesus God the Son come to the lowly people? How could the promised Messiah come to the sinners? However, this is exactly God's compassion and passion for His own creation. He desires to live amongst His people. (John 1:14; Revelation 21:3-4).

This is equally true what God would hath done to us – before He told us to do anything, He Himself did it first. Before He told us to come, He came to us first. Before He told us to love, He loves us first (I John 4:19). Before He told us to forgive, He forgave us first (Mark 2:5). Before He told us to submit, He submitted Himself first (Philippians 2:5-6).

While we want people to come to Jesus, we would have to let them know, Jesus hath come to and for them. So we, His followers, would go to them first.

Jesus hath come already, and He said, "I will come again" (Revelation 22:7, 12). Are you ready to meet your God? What have been deterring you from a closer relationship with Him? What have been dividing you from Him? What have been drawing you away from a closer walk with Him? Repent and return. Prepare to meet your God!

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在符類福音書中(馬太、馬可、路加福音)，“到我這裡來”一共出現了五次。其中三次是主耶穌親口說的：

- (1) 馬太 11:28 ; (2) 馬可 19:14, 路加 18:16 ; 和 (3) 路加 11:16

其餘兩次是：

- (1) 當耶穌的母親馬利亞去探她的親戚以利沙伯時(她正懷著施洗約翰)，以利沙伯說：「我主的母到我這裡來，這是從哪裡得的呢？」(路 1:43)
- (2) 當主耶穌出來傳道之先，祂先到約旦河邊，見了約翰，要受他的洗。約翰想要攔住祂，說：「我當受你的洗，你反倒上我這裡來？」(太 3:14)

這母子兩人都驚訝為什麼這位全能的神可以來到這世界?這位神子耶穌為什麼要俯就世人?這位應許的救世主為什麼來到罪人當中?其實，這正是神自己的心意，祂願意住在人當中(約 1:14, 啟:21:3-4)。這亦正是神一貫在我們當中作事的方法。在祂還沒有叫我們到祂那裡去時，祂先到我們中間。在祂還沒有叫我們去愛時，祂先愛我們(約壹 4:19)。當祂叫我們去赦免時，祂先赦免我們(可 2:5)。當祂叫我們去順服時，祂自己先順服(腓 2:5-6)。當我們希望有人到耶穌面前，我們應先讓他們知道，耶穌已經為他們來了。我們作祂的跟隨者也應先到他們當中。

耶穌已來了，祂也說“我必快來”(啟 22:7, 12)。你預備好了去迎見祂嗎?現在有什麼事情妨礙到你跟祂有一個親密的關係呢?有什麼事情你與祂分隔呢?有什麼事情把你拉開使你不能與祂同行呢?回轉吧!!!悔改吧!!!

你當預備迎見你的神!!!