

**JOHN 21:12-14**  
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As has been mentioned many times, John's gospel is the Gospel of Salvation. He centers on the Deity of Jesus, and the implications of the incarnation for all of mankind. **John 1:11-12.**

In **John 21:12** Jesus offers an invitation - "**COME AND DINE**".

It is the **third time** in the Gospel of John that Jesus has extended the invitation to "**COME**" to Him

1 . **John 1:35-39** "Come and see" - a call to discipleship.

**Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

**Joh 1:35** Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

**Joh 1:36** And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, **Behold the Lamb of God!**

**Joh 1:37** And the two disciples heard him speak, and **they followed Jesus.**

**Joh 1:38** Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and saith unto them, **What seek ye?** They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?

**Joh 1:39** He saith unto them, **Come and see.** They came and saw where he dwelt, and **abode with him that day:** for it was about the tenth hour.

**To abide with Jesus in His dwelling place for one day is to desire to abide there forever.**

**The trouble with far too many "Christians" is that they have never spent even one day in the presence of God.**

**Andrew and Philip** were men who met Jesus **and their desire was to bring others to know Him as well.** Look at the **terms** that are used.

**Andrew "brought" Peter to Jesus.** **Joh 1:40** One of the two who heard John *speak*, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

**John 1:41** He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).

**42 And he brought him to Jesus.** Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are **Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas**" (which is translated, A Stone).

**Philip said to Nathanael " Come and see" \_John 1:46** And Nathanael said unto him, **Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?** Philip saith unto him, **Come and see**

**Psalm 34:8** "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusteth in Him."

## Read John 1:40-46

One reason for the response of **Peter and Nathanael** might be the **SINCERITY** and **ZEAL** that was exhibited by **Andrew and Philip**.

### "We have found the Messiah"

No more exultant phrase could have been uttered from the lips of a Jew than these words. Andrew didn't hold back. He was sure of the one whom he had come to know.

**Andrew** in beseeching his brother **Simon Peter** said" **We have found Him of Whom Moses in the law and the Prophets did write...**" **John 1:45**

**Nathanael, though skeptical**, could not refuse Philip's simple invitation.  
**COME AND SEE.**

## 2. "COME UNTO ME and DRINK" JOHN 7:37-39

"The last day of the feast was the most solemn and climatic of them all. It was the eighth day, and a day of rest and holy assembly.

During the **first 7 days**, those prefiguring their wilderness wandering, water was drawn from the pool of Siloam and then poured out, commemorating the water supplied Israel in the desert . . . The **eighth day signified the enjoyment of the springs of the land itself** and no water was poured out.

That was the memorial aspect. The prophetic aspect looked forward to the re-gathering of Israel in the last days after her worldwide dispersion and the fulfillment of **Isaiah 12:1-6** when **the nation "WITH JOY"** shall draw water out of the wells of salvation.

In **John 7:37** **Jesus stood and offered the spiritual reality to individuals but no National offer was made.**

**Jesus came and offered himself as the Bread of Life, as the Water of Life, as the Way Of Salvation for all who would believe . "If ANY MAN thirst, LET HIM COME UNTO ME"**

"Water is absolutely essential to human life. Medical authorities tell us that it takes about **3 quarts** a day to **operate efficiently**. You see, it helps break up and soften food. The blood, which is 90% H<sup>2</sup>O, carries nutrients to the cells. As a cooling agent, water regulates our temperature through perspiration. And without it's lubricating properties our joints and muscles would **grind and creak like unused parts of some rusty old machine**. So that drink of cool water does more than quench your thirst. It provides your body with LIFE GIVING LIQUID EACH DAY." **db 6-19-80.**

The problem is, that in order for the water to do all that it is supposed to do, **WE MUST DRINK IT - TOTALLY ASSIMILATE IT IN OUR BODIES.**

Using water to wash our bodies is nice. But it does not replace our need for it in our total being.

**This is the problem with religions of the world and with a version of Christianity that some people espouse today. They want to use Christ as an external cleanser rather than an Internal Redeemer.**

This is not a new problem.

**Matt 23:25-27** CLEAN CUP - DIRTY INSIDE. WHITED SEPULCHERS.

**Mat 23:25** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

**Mat 23:26** *Thou* blind Pharisee, cleanse first that *which is* within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

**Mat 23:27** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness.

**Mat 23:28** **Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.**

**Jesus says that the outside is not the problem - it is the inside.**

**He didn't come as the water of life so that we could clean up our outside by obedience to his word and ways but rather he came as the living water that we might drink Him in and be thoroughly purged!!!!!!**

BUT, instead of drinking at the clear flowing crystal river of life, many choose rather to try and slake their thirst at the **stagnant, parasite infested cisterns of this world**. And though the bleached bones of those who have sought life from the putrid slime that this world has to offer are everywhere in evidence, still they come and suck up the ways of death! Jesus came and spoke to those who had the greatest need.

**John 4:10 and 13-14**

" **John 4:10** Jesus answered and said unto her, *If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.*

**John 4:13** Jesus answered and said unto her, *Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:*

**14** *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

"for when we were yet without strength, in due time CHRIST DIED FOR THE UNGODLY."

**Romans 5:6**

In a life that is barren and thirsty, Christ promises that there will be ETERNAL LIFE springing up. Just as when Moses struck the rock in the wilderness. This is the "**Life More Abundant**" that Christ promised. And it is a life of service to others, for out of us are to flow rivers of living water.

**THE BLESSING RECEIVED SHOULD BECOME THE BLESSING DISTRIBUTED!!** Ours should be an "overflow ministry".

TO THOSE WHO DOUBT - JESUS SAYS, **COME AND SEE - JOHN 1:39**

TO THOSE WHO THIRST - JESUS SAYS **COME AND DRINK** - **JOHN 7:37**

TO THOSE WHO HUNGER JESUS EXTENDS OUR INVITATION THIS MORNING

**" COME AND DINE"**

The disciples were **tired, discouraged, and defeated**. But with three words. **Jesus turned their defeat to a glorious victory. "COME AND DINE"**

EVENTS OF THE CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION HAVE LONG SINCE PASSED. BUT THEIR IMPLICATIONS ARE EVER WITH US.

**Jesus didn't prepare breakfast for the disciples because He was hungry. He was glorified! He prepared breakfast because He knew the needs of his disciples - those whom He loved.**

EVEN TODAY - **HEB. 4:15**

"He can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities - because He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

Jesus had undoubtedly provided for his disciples on numerous occasions. But this was different, He has been crucified! He is Risen! What now is His relationship to us? - The relationship of a loving shepherd to His sheep! **COME AND DINE!**

**PS. 23** " HE PREPARETH A TABLE BEFORE US . . . "

TO THE CHURCH AT LAODICIA HE SAYS - **REV. 3:20**

"BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK, IF ANY MAN HEAR MY VOICE, AND OPEN THE DOOR, I WILL COME INTO HIM, AND SUP WITH HIM, AND HE WITH ME!"

**JOHN. 21 :13** Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise.

WHEN THEY HEEDED THE CALL TO COME - **JESUS CAME TO THEM** - AND DINED WITH THEM. (text does not say specifically that He actually ate. But Cf. **Gen. 18** where even in a theophany, Jesus ate with Abraham)

, YET, HE SAID TO THEM - COME AND DINE. Now the disciples knew that Jesus love and care for them was undiminished. They had failed Him, deserted him, denied Him, doubted Him

AND HE SAYS TO US TODAY -

**LUKE 12:37**

" Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching: Verily I say unto you, that He shall gird Himself and make them sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them."

**Rev. 2:17** Church at Pergamum - the hidden manna.

Rev 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the **hidden manna**, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth *it*.

This passage of scripture bears many spiritual applications for us:

WE ARE TO BE FISHERS OF MEN WHO LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF JESUS REGARDING OUR ACTIVITIES. TO CATCH MEN FOR JESUS - WE MUST USE THE GOSPEL NET!  
**"WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING."**

**SECONDLY** - THIS "**DINING WITH JESUS**" - reminds us again of the meal that Jesus is preparing for that great wedding feast =

**THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB.** Rev. 19:7-9

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

**8** And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

**9** And he saith unto me, **Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.** And he saith unto me, **These are the true sayings of God.**

**OUT OF THE DARKNESS OF THE TRIBULATION COMES THE GLORY OF THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB.**

THE DISCIPLES FELT AS THOUGH THEIR WORLD HAD ENDED. "THEY WENT FISHING."

**JESUS CAME AND TURNED THEIR DARKNESS INTO DELIGHT!**

SOON, HE'S COMING BACK again – for you and I and to implement the Kingdom that the Apostles longed for.

**1 Thes. 4:16-18** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

**4:17** Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: **and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

**4:18** **Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**

**(Emails exchanged with Nina Blair last week. I referenced 1 Thes. 4:13 as a verse of encouragement for a grieving widow. (Lalon died on October 21, 2016)**

She responded with:

**1 Thes. 4:13-18;** was a scripture that I had Brother Tom Watt . . . . read at Lalon's graduation service in Canton, at the Georgia Memorial Cemetery. In the 13th verse, Paul instructs us; "that ye sorrow not". **How could anyone sorrow knowing their loved one is in the presence of God, fellowshiping with the Son, and being led by the Holy Ghost! It doesn't get any better than that!** Yet we live in a body that hasn't been glorified yet, and we do miss our

loved ones, and that's why our gracious, loving, Father had Paul to instruct us on what to do when our loved ones leave before us! **I like verse 18 in that it sums up these five verses of instruction; "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."**

The Word of God in **Hebrews 4:12**; For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." **I have found great comfort in reading this passage in the last month and four days.**

Kiss the lips off your loved ones, hug them everyday, and tell them you love them all day long. Retire, don't expire!