



EMMANUEL

COME!



"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool" (Isaiah 1:18). "You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness to me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life" (John 5:39-40).

God speaks to our hearts and tells us that He wants us to come to Him.

Jesus Christ said, *"No one comes to the Father, but by me, and him who comes to me I will not cast out."* It was Jesus who said, *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

The life story of Jesus is full of accounts of people who went to Him for help, and no one was ever turned away. A leper came to Jesus, knelt and beseeched Him, *"If you will, you can make me clean."* Moved with pity, He stretched out His hand, touched him and said, *"I will; be clean."* Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made

clean.

"They came bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men ... and when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'My son, your sins are forgiven.'" To another lame man whom he had healed, Jesus said, "See you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you" (John 5:14).

They came with their sickness, their troubles and their sinful habits; they came with hope, with faith and with repentant hearts, and to all He gave healing and forgiveness. Little wonder that Peter cried, *"Lord to whom (else) shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."*

Once John the Baptist sent men to Jesus ask Him, *"Art you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?"* And in the same hour Jesus cured many of their infirmities and plagues and delivered some of evil spirits, and unto many that were blind He gave sight. Then Jesus answered and said unto them, *"Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached" (Luke 7:19-22).*

The miracles, He said, were done by God's power, and the words He spoke, He said, God gave Him to speak.

"And when he (Jesus) was come nigh even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven and glory in the highest" (Luke 19:37-38).

This was their leader who would deliver them. This man would reign as King over Israel, and the Jews would again be a mighty nation. So thought Peter and the disciples.

But in a few days time, this same Jesus was arrested, and His disciples fled. He was given a mock trial, and although He had done no wrong, He was condemned to die.

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him" (Luke 23:33).

A just man named Joseph, who also waited for the Kingdom of God to come, went to Pilate, the Roman governor, and begged for the body of Jesus. *"And he bought fine linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre. And Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus*

beheld where he was laid” (Mark 15:46-47).

The women went back early on the first day of the week to see the sepulchre. The stone was rolled away! An angel was there, his countenance as lightning and his raiment white as snow. *“Fear not,”* he said, *“He is not here: for he is risen!”* *“Go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead.”*

Then, as two other disciples walked to Emmaus, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. Back with the other disciples, the great news was *“the Lord is risen ... and hath appeared unto Simon Peter!”*

And as they talked about it, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them and said, *“Peace be unto you.”* *“Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.”* *“And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy!”* Jesus lives!

Many people today are worshipping dead leaders or leaders who one day will be dead and buried. But Jesus lives! He promises that if you

will follow Him, you can also live because He lives. Peter told Jesus, *“I am a sinful man.”* God says that *“all have sinned”* and that *“the wages of sin is death.”* *“Repent and believe the Gospel.”*

The Gospel is God’s good news. When you believe it and hold fast to it, it will save you. It is *“that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.”* He was buried and rose again on the third day. He was seen by Peter and over 500 disciples. God raised Him from the dead and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this world but also in that which is to come (Ephesians 1:20-21). He has power to save you.

Jesus, the Son of God, says to you, *“He that believeth on the Son HATH everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”*

When you receive Jesus as your Saviour, Leader and Lord, **YOU** will receive power to become a son of God (John 1:12).

Repent, Believe, Receive Him today!



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