

# A Look in the Mirror – 1

## "Coming" in this World

WITH ALL THE TURMOIL, DYSFUNCTION, & SICKNESS IN THIS WORLD, HOW ARE YOU DOING? ARE YOU SICK OF IT? ARE YOU DEPRESSED? ARE YOU HANGING ON?

**"Coming and going" is what we do in this world; If we are not "coming and going", then we are dead. If you are reading this, then you are not dead. THEN WE MUST "COME & GO" BECAUSE WE LIVE OUR LIVES HERE AND NOW. WE MUST DEAL WITH THAT WHICH SURROUNDS US.**

**Remember what Jesus said: You are not OF this world, but you live IN this world.**

1. Match the verse with the conditions we live in.

- a. Matthew 2:16            \_\_\_ Society is full of religious people who are lost.
- b. Matthew 22:17-21    \_\_\_ The government lies to us & casts blame & lies on others.
- c. Matthew 19:16-22    \_\_\_ The family structure is failing & being rejected.
- d. Matthew 19:9        \_\_\_ The gov't leaders make poor, self-serving decisions.
- e. Acts 17:6-7            \_\_\_ The citizens struggle within the income tax structure.
- f. Mark 12:42-44        \_\_\_ People face inflation & very little money to live on.
- g. Matthew 19:3-10     \_\_\_ The society is full of sexual misconduct & immorality.

2. Match the verse with the kinds of people we live around.

- a. John 11:21            \_\_\_ People who are addicted to drugs, sex, booze, anything.
- b. John 11:3             \_\_\_ People who have experienced personal failure.
- c. Matthew 11:28-29    \_\_\_ People we know who have died or been killed.
- d. Mark 5:1-20          \_\_\_ People suffering with mental illness or oppression.
- e. John 18:26-27        \_\_\_ People we know who are sick.
- f. John 6:71             \_\_\_ People we know who claim to be Christians but are fakes.

3. Can we change:

- a. The fact that there are poor people with no money & living on the streets? \_Y \_N
- b. The incompetent leadership running our governments immediately?    \_Y \_N
- c. The moral values of people all around us who choose to live with no rules? \_Y \_N
- d. The careless ways today's parents are failing to train the children?        \_Y \_N
- e. The arrogance of leaders who have no respect for the people they lead?    \_Y \_N

4. Can I change:

- a. The way other people live their lives & obey the laws? \_Yes \_No
- b. The way **I** live my life & obey the laws? \_Yes \_No
- c. The methods that people use to earn money & cheat others? \_Yes \_No
- d. The methods **I** use to earn money while **I** am honoring others? \_Yes \_No
- e. The moral values of sexual purity **I** openly practice or hide? \_Yes \_No
- f. The moral values of those around me publicly or privately? \_Yes \_No
- g. The attitudes of the leaders who deceive & exploit all of us? \_Yes \_No
- h. **My** attitude toward those leaders to love rather than condemn? \_Yes \_No

***I cannot change the behaviors of others; ONLY GOD CAN. I can pray for them.***

***I cannot change my behavior; ONLY GOD CAN. I can pray & spent time with God.***

**COME**

Matthew 11:28 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you REST.

Matthew 11:29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find REST for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Mark 6:31 And Jesus said to the disciples, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and REST a while".

Mark 10:21 ...and come, take up your cross and follow Me.

John 21:12 Jesus said to the disciples, "Come and eat breakfast".

5. Matthew 11:28 **(COME TO ME)**

- a. What do you think "heavy laden" means? \_\_\_\_\_  
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*It could be sickness, grief, sick of people, sick of the government, sick of corruption, discontent, anger, etc.*

- b. Whatever the problem is, what does Jesus say to us? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Whatever the problem is, did He ask me to fix it? \_Yes \_No
- d. This "heavy laden" must be causing some serious & distracting grief. \_Yes \_No
- e. What does Jesus offer if we come to him with the problem? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Matthew 11:29

- a. Isn't Jesus saying, "I've got lots on my shoulders too. It's overwhelming"? \_Yes \_No
- b. Isn't Jesus says, "Let Me carry the load that has you overloaded"? \_Yes \_No
- c.** I will still have the load but what will He do?  
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7. Mark 6:31 **(COME APART OR ASIDE)**

- a. What word (CAPITALIZED) do you see in these first three verses? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What is this verses (Jesus) telling us to do? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. When dealing with the stresses & irritations around us, would you suggest that we start concentrating? \_\_\_On the problems in the world first \_\_\_ On ourselves first
- d. We are around people all the time. What does this verse suggest?  
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*"A deserted place" could be a bedroom, the backyard, a cell, the dayroom, on the track, while walking. Who cares - As long as you connect with the Lord in prayer.*

8. Mark 10:21 **(COME TO A DECISION)**

- a. What does "take up your cross" mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- b. Christians are not supposed to be weird people that are holier-than-everyone else. However, are we supposed to do things the way the evil world does it? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
- c. A "cross" is not a sweet little toy. IT WAS A STYLE OF EXECUTION. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
- d. Everybody else may send the politicians to hell. Should we? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
- e. Everybody else may spit on the homeless people. Should we? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
- f. Everybody might give up on the prisoners or other outcasts? Should we? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
- g. Is my faith in Jesus Christ a secret? Should I keep mine a secret? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
- h. Should my public Christian life be the same as my secret life? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

9. John 21:12 **(COME AND EAT)**

*This verse talks about Jesus cooking fish on the beach. He rose from the dead and then appeared to them some days later.*

- a. The disciples saw their leader (Jesus) die. Is this the time to give up? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
- b. Wouldn't this be a good time to stay away from people & grieve? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
- c. The times are tough; the leaders are corrupt; I am mad. Give up? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
- d. My future has been taken from me; it's unfair; I feel hate. Give up? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No
- e. Jesus cooked breakfast; He called them to eat TOGETHER. Good idea? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

**THE WORLD IS EVIL; IT DOES NOT LOVE GOD; LAWS AND RULES ARE NOT RIGHTEOUS.**

**We are outnumbered. Now is the time to obey the Lord: Come to Me.**

**Come Apart.**

**Come to a Decision.**

**Come & Eat**

- Matthew 21:2* Jesus sent two disciples and said, "Go into that village, and immediately you will find a donkey & colt tied up."
- Matthew 9:13* Jesus explaining His purpose, "But go and learn what this means - I DESIRE MERCY AND NOT SACRIFICE. For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance".
- Mark 5:34* Jesus said to the sick woman, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your affliction."
- Mark 1:44* Jesus said to the leper, "...go your way, show yourself to the priest ..."
- Luke 10:3* Jesus said to the 70 disciples, "Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves ..."
- Matthew 28:10* Jesus said to the women, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."
- Mark 16:15* Jesus said to the eleven, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to everyone."
- Matthew 28:19* Jesus said to the eleven, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations ..."