

SCRIPTURE: John 1:~~41~~- 1-42 or 35-42

TEXT: John 1:39 --"Come and see,"  
he answered. So they went with Him  
and saw where he lived."

TITLE/TOPIC; Come and See where He  
Lives.

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John 1: ~~10~~ 1-42 or 35-42.

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### INTRODUCTION:

1. Pride and pleasure in showing friends and relatives our homes (or Recreational vehicles).

2. Interesting and pleasant to visit homes and RVs of others.

3. Scripture tells of 2 persons' curiosity and Jesus' invitation to see where he lived.

a. We do not know where or how he lived. Speculate. (Room, house, private or shared? Or ?).

b. Wherever or whatever it was, there was room for others to visit, and perhaps eat (in Scripture, "rest of the day" might include supper time).

4. Let us think now of Jesus inviting us, you and me, to come and see where he lives NOW, not then.

a. church worship.

b. Sunday School, Circles, church clubs and groups.

c. Shutins and ill ones of steady faith and bright countenance.

d. Voluntary organizations of

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1. Title and pleasure in reading  
 2. Subjects and relatives our names for  
 3. Recreational activities  
 4. Interesting and pleasant  
 5. Visit home and live of others  
 6. Study of 2 persons  
 7. Curiosity and desire for information to see  
 8. What he lived  
 9. We do not know where he lived  
 10. he lived. Special (from house  
 11. place or street or 2)  
 12. Wherever he visited it is  
 13. there was a lot of energy to visit  
 14. and things are in "staircase" less  
 15. of the day" might include support  
 16. (1st)  
 17. Let us think how of Jesus  
 18. visiting you and how to care and  
 19. see why he lives NOW, not then  
 20. of church service  
 21. Sunday School, Church, camp  
 22. clubs and groups  
 23. of Bible and other courses of  
 24. show faith and bright countenance  
 25. of voluntary organizations of  
 26. ministry and service (young association  
 27. of the Cross, etc.)

e. Governmental organizations (city, county, state, national, international) for service, relief, and help.

I. Jesus' invitation to Come and See" indicates that He accepts us and offers us his friendship.

1. QUOTE: "My home is my place of retreat from stress, my ~~castle~~, the most ~~loved~~ treasured place in my life."

2. I invite you to my home only if I LIKE and accept you and think that you feel similarly about me. Criticism and disparagement are not expected nor wanted nor appreciated from a visitor to my home. The invitation is one of trust. I want hosts and guests to feel comfortable,

When we accept the invitation ~~of~~ of Jesus we do so because HE inspires the greatest possible feelings of being accepted in friendship and/or in love. Fear and desire to ~~escape~~ punishment and death are not the best motives for accepting His invitation, and are not indicated in this Scripture

3. Curiosity is not a BAD reason to accept an invitation to visit.

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4. Jesus' "I come as my Father  
sent from above, my Father's will  
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Curiosity was the motive for the 2 disciples of John the Baptist going home with Jesus as told in today's Scripture.

4. The greatest good comes from a visit to the home of another when you respond in the spirit in which the invitation is given, with interest and appreciation and friendship.

II. A visit with Jesus may help us to know and understand him better.

1. Most friendships begin with and continue to include a great deal of sharing.

2. Jesus shares with us: his invitation, his example, his teachings, the lives of those who love him.

3. We can share with him: our time and money and skills.

4. We can share his table also. Eating together is a great sharing experience (illustrate).

5. The Communion words "eat my body and drink my blood" may not be as metaphysical as we think. They may mean simply to participate in and enjoy the sustenance and comforts earned by his flesh and blood, the sweat of his body.

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6. We owe ourselves the experience of letting Jesus Share Himself with us. "Come and see" is a constant invitation.

7. We have made two main points, that Jesus' invitation to come and see where he lives indicates that he accepts and befriends us, and that what we find as we accept his invitation can help us to know him more completely and to understand him more fully.

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We have made a certain point of the Jesus' invitation to come and see. There are five indications that he accepts and borrows it, and that what he said to us about the invitation can help us understand it in more complete and profound terms. **REMARKS: MORE THAN THREE**

It is to see where Jesus lives can be the beginning of our invitation to  
personal life with Him.

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1. In the <sup>RECENT</sup> ~~past~~ year Mrs. Stevenson and I <sup>HAVE</sup> become intrigued with "camping," deluxe style, in a small mini-motorhome which has most of the modern conveniences for luxury living in a very small place. When we visit relatives or friends now we tell them in advance that we either will stay in a nearby motorhome park, or else hook into their electricity and water and park our motorhome in their yards. At first they interpreted this as a rejection of their hospitality and sometimes even seemed resentful. While visiting them in this manner we usually have most of our meals as their guests, which they seem to want and expect, and do most of our sharing and playing in their homes. But sometime during the visit we have them into our motorhome for a mal, they see our color TV there, they perhaps play scrabble or Uno or share some other recreation with us, or we just visit and share with each other in conversation. In every case so far they have come to understand why we enjoy this type of living and recreation, and most have even expressed a sort of envy that we are able to have such a way of free time living. They understand us and we understand them better as we share both their lives and they ours in this manner.

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2. When we know Jesus we can share his eternal home. Jesus has exerted influence on humans and on history nearly 2000 years primarily because of his offer of life eternal.

3. He promised that we can have eternal life. When we get to know him through the New Testament accounts about him, through the testimony of people who feel that they know him well, and through making our own commitments to him and his standards, outlooks, beliefs, we can begin to share in his way of life NOW.

We can begin now, and we must if we are to live eternally. That is the Christian faith and the Christian challenge. Acceptance of him is not forced on us, just as we are not forced to enter the homes of people who invite us. But when we accept we should make an honest effort to understand, to feel, to know, and in so doing we can begin living now as we will live eternally.

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demonstrable. However, the lives of millions of believers is a good demonstration that Christian commitment gives Christians confidence, meaning, happiness and determination of such high quality that they can find it in no other way.

a. In a hospital once in a while the best treatment ~~fails~~ fails to bring healing, even when all indications and scientific tests point to healing.

b. Then again, healing sometimes comes when all has been given up, when death is expected, and then it seems as if only determination and faith of the patient can explain the recovery.

c. What you choose to believe ~~about~~ about such occurrences is up to you. Honesty demands that you interpret according to your own understanding. If you believe that Christian faith or God's direct ~~intervention~~ intervention is the force of healing, then you have begun the leap of faith which moves you from earth to eternity.

d. You will never make this leap of faith unless you "come and see," unless you know something of the fact

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#### CONCLUSION:

1. The Scripture of today expresses for us an invitation to "come and see" where Jesus lives, as it did to two disciples of John the Baptist ~~so~~ long ago.
2. An acceptance of that invitation changes our lives as it did theirs.

The leap of faith may not be a bodily healing, and usually does not, because we have to believe and some suffering is normal before death. All must die. "The rain falls on the just and the unjust alike," Jesus said. "Bodily and emotional healing is no sign of a good Christian faith." Healing sometimes is a result of faith, but there is no causal relationship or pattern of which we know. Even if healing does not come when it seems so eagerly needed, the healing for persons of Christ is faith is that a friend is always near, sustaining and comforting forever and ever. What healing is for you and me when we say "yes" to Christ's invitation to "come and see?"

CONCLUSION

1. The Scripture of Jesus' response to our invitation to "come and see" them Jesus lives, as if did for two disciples of John the Baptist long ago.

2. An acceptance of such invitation comes on the 15th day of the month.