**R976 Rumination for Oct. 8, 2023**

The **T**heme: **Come... …** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *And the Spirit and the bride say,* ***Come****. And let him that heareth say,* ***Come****.*

 *And let him that is athirst* ***Come****. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.* Rev. 22:17

The **T**hots:

1. **Come unto me.** **Matt. 11:28**
2. The **G**ift of the Father to the Son. Jn. 6:37-40
3. The **G**ift: *All that the Father giveth Me shall* ***come to Me****;* 6:37a
4. The **G**uarantee: *and him that* ***cometh to Me*** *I will in no wise cast out.*
5. The **G**uiding Principle: *For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will,*

 *but the will of Him that sent Me.* 6:38

1. **G**od’s Two-fold Purpose:
2. *And this is the Father's will which hath sent Me, that of all which He hath given Me*

*I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.*

1. *And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him,*

*may have everlasting life: and I will raise Him up at the last day.*

1. The Singular **G**oal of Jesus:
2. *I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.* Jn. 10:10
3. *I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness.* Jn. 12:46
4. **Come to Me to drink. Jn. 7:37**

*In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying,*

*If any man thirst, let him* ***come unto Me****, and drink*.

1. Jesus Gave **W**ondrous **W**ater to the **W**oman at the **W**ell: Jn. 4:10-12
2. It was for **W**hoever **W**ould ask: *Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God,*

*and* ***W****ho it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of Him,*

*and He would have given thee living water.* Jn. 4:10

1. *The* ***W****oman saith unto Him*, *Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the* ***w****ell is deep:*

*from whence then hast Thou that living* ***w****ater*? Jn, 4:11

1. The **W**oman asked **W**ho Jesus **W**as*: Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the* ***w****ell,*

*and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?* Jn. 4:12

1. The **W**onders of this **W**ater not from the **W**ell: Jn. 4:13-15
2. The **C**omparison with Normal Water: Jn. 4:13

*Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again…*

1. The **C**ontrast of this Water: Jn. 4:14

*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.*

1. The **W**oman asked for the **W**ater: Jn. 4:15

*The woman saith unto Him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not…*

1. Christ’s Offer of the **W**ater of Life: Rev. 21:6
2. His **C**laim: *He said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.*

*I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely*.

1. Let us all **C**ome to take of this **W**ater: Rev. 22:17

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 *And let him that is athirst* ***Come****. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

1. **Come to Me to see.** **Jn. 1:39**

*He saith unto them,* ***Come and see****. They came…saw where He dwelt, and abode with Him.*

1. The **S**amaritan Woman’s Invitation: Jn. 4:29

***C****ome, see a Man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the* ***C****hrist?*

1. The un**S**ighted Man’s **C**onfirmation: *He answered and said, Whether He be a sinner or no,*

*I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see*. Jn. 9:25

1. The **S**aviour’s Declaration: Jn. 9:39
2. *And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see;*

*and that they which see might be made blind.*

1. *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth Me*

*shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.* Jn. 8:12

*Have you found the loving Savior Who redeems and saves from sin?*

*He is waiting to receive you; Come, oh come, and enter in!*

 Refrain: *Come and see our dear Redeemer; Come and see His wondrous love;*

*He will save from sin and keep you All the way to Heav’n above.*

1. **REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 976**
2. **Come To Jesus and dine.** **Jn. 21:12-14**

*Jesus saith unto them,* ***Come and dine****…Jesus then* ***cometh****, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. This is now the third time that Jesus shewed Himself to His disciples, after that He was risen from the dead.*

After Jesus’ resurrection, He was waiting for His disciples to return from a fishing trip on the Lake of Tiberius. But the disciples could not recognise Him. They were very disappointed, even to the extent of being frustrated, that their fishing trip was all in vain. That night they returned to coast having caught nothing. When asked by the Lord Who was standing on the shore, and Whom they did not recognise:

*Children, have ye any meat? They answered Him, No. And He said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.* (Jn. 21:5, 6)

*As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.*

*Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.*

*Jesus saith unto them,* ***Come and dine****. And none of the disciples durst ask Him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.* (Jn. 21:9-12)

The Lord Jesus also had prepared a meal for us, His disciples. And He invites us to come and eat and remember Him. Paul wrote… (I Cor. 11:23-26) –

*For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread: And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in My blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come.*

As we sit at the Lord’s Table on the Lord’s Day, do we Recognise Him as our Lord and Remember Him as He instructed us to? **REFLECT**

1. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He also invited those who were with Him who were mainly Jewish unbelievers (Jn. 6:52), to eat of His flesh and to drink of His blood otherwise they would have no part of Him, thus: (Jn. 6:53-56):

*Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.* ***He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him.***

Was He referring this invitation to the Lord’s Supper?

No! Unfortunately, some Bible commentators think so!

It cannot be because of two very simple reasons:

1. Taking in context, the text refers back to the parallel passage in Jn. 6:35 –

*And Jesus said unto them**, I am the bread of life:* ***he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and*** ***he that believeth on Me shall never thirst. V****erily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me hath everlasting life. I am that bread of life.*

It is obvious that ***He that eateth My flesh refers to*** *I am the bread of life:* ***he that cometh to Me shall never hunger;*** and ***He that…drinketh My blood refers to he that believeth on Me shall never thirst.*** In short, both refer to one coming to Christ and believing in Him for salvation. It has no reference to the Lord’s Supper (see #2)

1. The Lord’s Supper had not yet been instituted by the Lord. It was only done on…

 *the same night in which He was betrayed* (when He) *took bread*… (I Cor. 11:23)

The Lord’s Supper does not communicate eternal life but it is for those who already have eternal life to have communion among themselves in remembering our Lord.

I Cor. 10:16 – *The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?*

 **REFLECT**

**Points To Ponder:** *We eat His flesh and drink His blood to have eternal life;*

 *We take of the bread and drink of the cup to remember Him!*