

‘Will-Not-Comes’ Who ‘Shall Come’ But Are Still ‘Will-Not- Comes’

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I. ‘Comes’ that don’t seem to fit with each other

A. Two ‘Not Come’ verses

Joh 5:40 And ye will not **come** to me, that ye might have life.

Joh 6:44 No man can **come** to me...

B. One ‘Shall Come’ verse

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall **come** to me...

C. Two ‘Invitation to Come’ verses

Mat 11:28 **Come** unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest

Rev 22:17 ...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.

D. A few ‘Hard to Come’ verses

Luk 9:23 ...If any *man* will **come** after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Luk 9:24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

Luk 14:26 If any *man* **come** to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

Luk 18:22 ...Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and **come**, follow me.

Luk 18:23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

II. Questions that arise from the ‘comes’

A. How can the same Jesus say, ‘No man can come’, and then say, ‘Come unto me’?

B. How can the Bible say, ‘You will not come’ and then say, ‘Whosoever will’?

C. Why invite a ‘will not come’—Or a ‘cannot come’—Or a ‘shall come’—To come?

D. If the ‘will-not-comes’ shall come—How can it be so hard to come?

E. Though we ‘shall come’ and are invited to come—Does anybody ever really come?

III. Answers to help us understand the ‘comes’

A. By our fallen nature we are unwilling ‘will nots’—And unable ‘cannots’

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*...

Joh 12:39 Therefore they could not believe...

B. God is the one who turns ‘will not comes’ and ‘cannot comes’ into ‘shall comes’

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, **except the Father which hath sent me draw him**...

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

C. ‘Will not come’ and ‘shall come’ have to do with eternal life

D. A ‘shall come’—Who has eternal life—‘Should come’

Joh 7:37 ...If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

E. A ‘shall come’—Who has eternal life—‘Should say: Come’

Joh 1:39 ...Come and see...

F. ‘Invitation to come’ and ‘hard to come’ have to do with living this life

IV. How a *'will not come'* who became a *'shall come'* is still a *'will not come'*

A. Jesus taught that the *'shall comes'* (who have eternal life) should come in this life

Luk 14:16 Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

Luk 14:17 And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready.

Luk 14:18 And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused.

Luk 14:19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused.

Luk 14:20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.

Luk 14:23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled.

Luk 14:24 For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

B. Go & figure—Are you a *'will not come'* remade *'shall come'* who *'will not come'*?

Luk 14:28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish it?

C. Most all *'shall comes'*—Who think they have come—Are still *'will not comes'*

Mat 19:16 And, behold, one **came** and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

Mat 19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but one, *that is*, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

Mat 19:18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

Mat 19:19 Honour thy father and *thy* mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Mat 19:20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet?

Mar 10:21 Then Jesus beholding him **loved him**, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and **come**, take up the cross, and follow me.

Mar 10:22 And he was sad...and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

D. It seems quite impossible for even a *'shall come'* to really come all the way to Jesus

Mat 19:23 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 19:24 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Mat 19:25 When his disciples heard *it*, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

Luk 14:33 ...whosoever...that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Luk 14:34 Salt *is* good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

Luk 14:35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; *but* men cast it out...

V. Yet, Jesus had more to say—Even a whole new dimension about coming to Jesus

Luk 14:35 ...He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Luk 15:1 Then drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners for to hear him.

Luk 15:2 And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

VI. The God who does '*shall come*' eternally—Also does coming to Jesus here & now

Mat 19:26 But Jesus beheld *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

Luk 15:4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

Luk 15:5 And when he hath found *it*, he layeth *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing.

Luk 15:6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together *his* friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

Luk 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Rom 2:4 ..the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

Joh 6:44 No man can **come** to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, **cometh** unto me.

VI. A story of a '*should come*' who did come—And a '*should come*' who did not

Luk 15:11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:

Luk 15:12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth *to me*. And he divided unto them *his* living.

Luk 15:13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

Luk 15:14 And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.

Luk 15:15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

Luk 15:16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

Luk 15:17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

Luk 15:18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

Luk 15:19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

Luk 15:20 And he arose, and **came** to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

Luk 15:21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

Luk 15:22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put *it* on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on *his* feet:

Luk 15:23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill *it*; and let us eat, and be merry...

Luk 15:25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he **came** and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing.

Luk 15:26 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant.

Luk 15:27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is **come**; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound.

Luk 15:28 And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore **came** his father out, and intreated him.