

**COME AND SEE!**  
**John 1:38-39; 45-46**

Evidence demands belief. The invitation to “Come and See” was emphatic because it was based on the evidence of whatever had been seen. After John the Baptist revealed YAHSHUA to Israel by way of His baptism, he said, and I did not know Him. . . but it is in order that He should be made manifest and be revealed to Israel that I came baptizing in water; John gave further **evidence**, saying, I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and it dwelt on Him, and I have seen and **my testimony is that this is the Son of YAHWEH!** (John 1:31, 32, 34). The next day when he reveals YAHSHUA as the Lamb of YAHWEH, the Lamb that will take the sins of the world, two of John’s disciples followed Him. YAHSHUA then asks the question, what are you looking for? Rabbi, they answered, where are you staying (vs.37, 38)? YAHSHUA gave them the invitation, **Come and See!** By following Him, these two disciples of John believed YAHSHUA to be Who John said He was. John’s testimony had great influence in their decision to follow YAHSHUA; He satisfied their curiosity when He invited them, Come and See!

Believing, Andrew, one of the two disciples who followed YAHSHUA, went to find his brother, Simon to share him the evidence of what he had seen and heard. He said to Simon, We have found the Messiah! He then led Simon to YAHSHUA. Evidence demands belief and belief demands action. **Come and See!** were the words of Phillip. He, like Andrew, believed the evidence and went to find Nathanael and told him, We have found the One Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote about- YAHSHUA of Nazareth! That news that He had come from Nazareth was not well received by Nathanael. Phillip then invited him, **Come and See!** That was the best solution for Nathanael to overcome his doubts. Nathanael, a true Israelite according to YAHSHUA, needed to see the evidence for him to believe the words of Phillip. He went with Phillip, he saw and believed him. As a result his answer to YAHSHUA was, Teacher, You are the Son of YAHWEH! You are the King of Israel (vs.49)!

Peter and his friends experienced the evidence of Come and See, when YAHSHUA told them to put the nets out into the deep water and lower them for a haul. The evidence of what they had seen made Peter fall at YAHSHUA’S knees gripped with bewildering amazement and saying, Depart from me for I am a sinful man Oh Lord. He and his partners who were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, seeing the evidence of Who YAHSHUA was, they followed Him (Luke 5). Evidence demands obedience.

In another experience registered in John chapter eleven, at the death and burial of Lazarus, when YAHSHUA had purposely delayed in answering the call, the evidence which could not have been witnessed unless He had delayed His help to Lazarus. At the pain of sorrow of all those who were there, YAHSHUA asked the question, where have you laid him? The invitation came to Him, Come and See! YAHSHUA then wept, immersed in the thought that two weeks later, He would face His own death. When He followed the crowd to see the place where Lazarus had been buried, He ordered the stone which was keeping Lazarus locked in death, to be removed. There He expressed resurrection power to Lazarus and the crowd that had come to console his sisters. When the door of the tomb was opened He, after a prayer to His Father,

shouted with a loud voice, Lazarus, come out! YAHSHUA'S voice of command sounded beyond the grave with power calling Lazarus by name to come out of death to life. The crowd that had come had seen the reality of the evidence without a doubt, that YAHSHUA was the Son of YAHWEH! He had smelled the stink that death had brought to the decaying body of Lazarus; He had seen the evidence of what the enemy death can bring to all human beings; yes, He had heard the invitation to Come and See and had brought everyone present the hope of life in the evidence that He was the life giver.

Today, He continues willing to answer our invitation to "Come and See" the tomb where our stinking life of sin resides in death. At the cross He has called each one of our name to come out of death into life; there He has offered us forgiveness and there the enemy of our soul has already been defeated. We must answer to His invitation to Come and See His wounds marked in His hands, feet and on His side. This evidence is sufficient for each one of us to obey and bring others to witness the sacrificial love expressed to all of us- Come and See!

The Psalmist left us an invitation to Come and See the evidence of the power of the Lord in His creation: Come and see ELOHIM'S works Whom is feared in His acts toward the sons of men; He turned the sea into dry land, they crossed through the river of foot; there did we rejoice in Him; He rules by His might forever, His eyes observe and keep watch over the nations; bless our ELOHIM O peoples, give Him grateful thanks and make the voice of His praise be heard (Psalm 66:5-7). Evidence of the power of our ELOHIM demands reverent fear and awe from His creation; evidence of our ELOHIM'S faithfulness demands praise and worship to Him only. Come and hear all you who reverently and worshipfully fear YAHWEH, and I will declare what He has done for me (vs.16)!

Mine and your life are only a breath away- short and very short. Invitations to Come and See the evidence that demands change in our behavior, in our belief and in the direction we are going are all around us. Turn not away from the invitation that will take you to the cross where YAHSHUA'S blood has been shed for you; eternity is closer to you than you think. **Come and See!**

**THINK ABOUT IT!**