

Church Together

Jesus Said: 'Come And See'

And Jesus Answered Them:

'Go And Tell . . . What You Hear And See'

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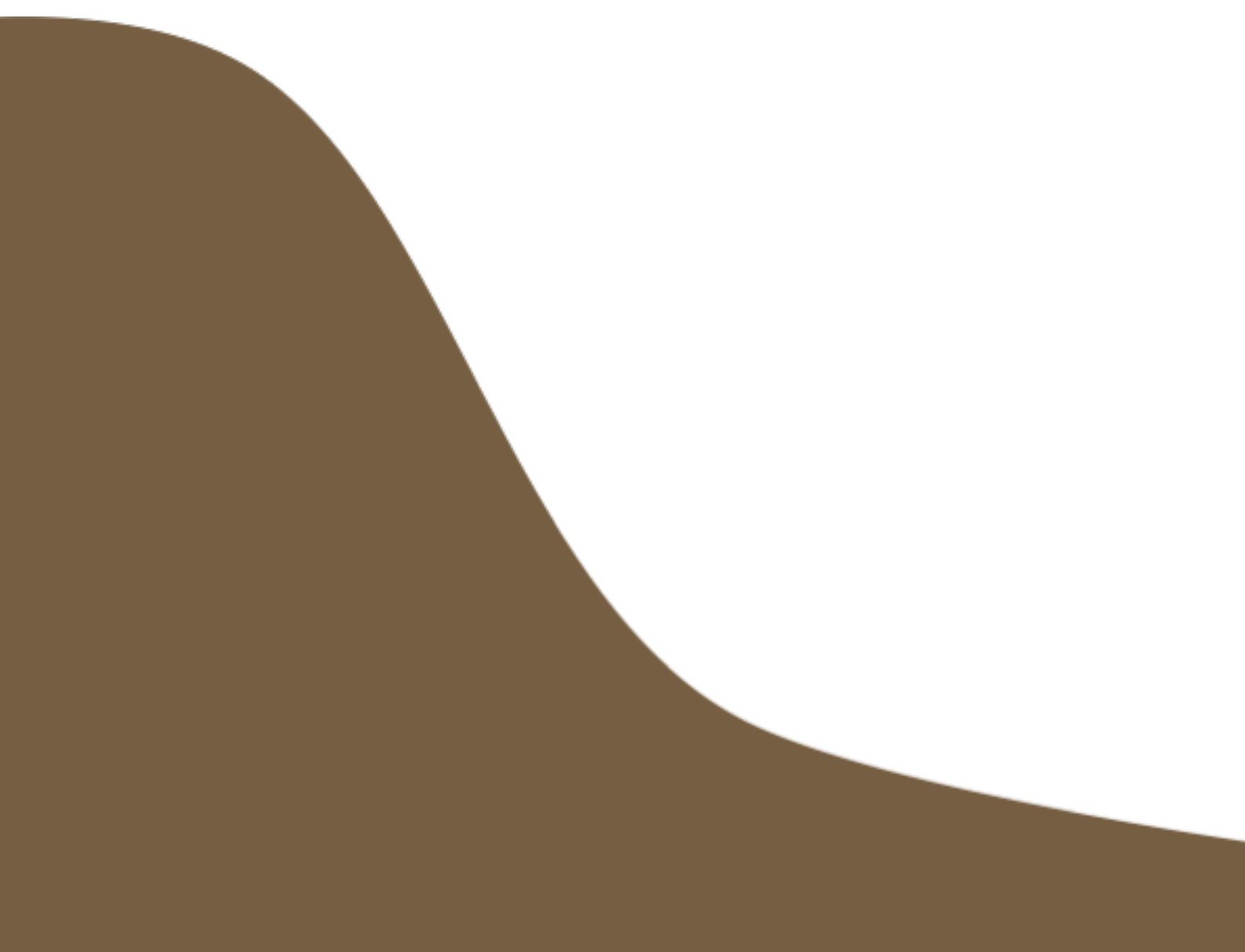
Welcome

In today's Service we will be looking at: **John 1 v. 35 – 39 & Matthew 11 v. 1 – 6**

The theme for our service today is: **Jesus Said: 'Come And See' And Jesus Answered Them: 'Go And Tell . . . What You Hear And See'.**

Today our service also includes: **Communion**

We hope that you will be able to engage with everything that has been produced for today's service and that you would be able to **'Come and See, Then Go And Talk About What You Hear And See'**



Call To Worship

Psalms 100 v. 1 – 5 NLT

Shout for joy to the Lord, O earth!

Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing with joy.

Acknowledge that the Lord is God!

He made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is good.

His unfailing love continues forever,

And his faithfulness continues to each generation.

Song Suggestion

Morning Has Broken



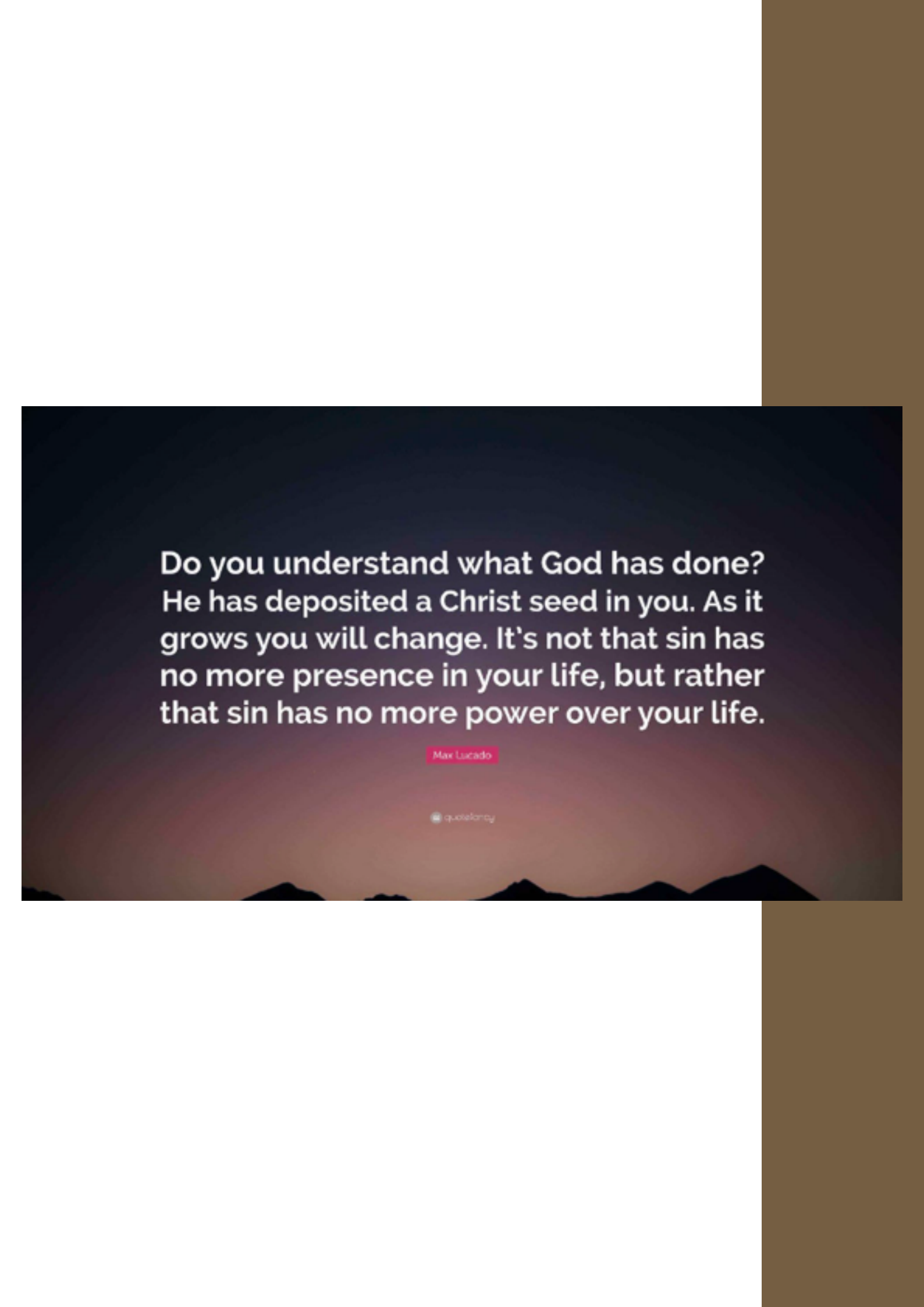
Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we come before you at the beginning of a New Year, we want to express our deepest gratitude for the past year's blessings. Thank you Lord for your faithfulness, your love, and your constant presence in our lives. We acknowledge your sovereignty over the days gone by and the days that are yet to come.

Lord, we look toward you, our hope, our peace, and our comforter in this New Year. As we enter into the unknown of the coming year, we ask for your guidance and wisdom. Illuminate our path with your light so that we may walk in your ways and make choices that align with your will. Help us to seek first your kingdom and trust that all other things will be added unto us. We thank you for the generosity of your grace and your loving presence. Gracious God, we come before you seeking renewal in this New Year. Renew our minds, our hearts, and our spirits. May we be transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit, leaving behind the old and embracing the new that you have in store for us.

We ask all these things in the mighty name of Jesus.

Amen

The image features a quote by Max Lucado. The background is a photograph of a sunset or sunrise over a mountain range. The sky is a mix of dark blue, purple, and orange, with the sun's glow creating a gradient. The mountains are silhouetted against the horizon. The quote is written in a white, sans-serif font, centered in the upper half of the image. Below the quote, the author's name 'Max Lucado' is written in a smaller, white font, enclosed in a small pink rectangular box. At the bottom center, there is a small logo for 'quotefancy' which includes a speech bubble icon and the word 'quotefancy' in a lowercase, sans-serif font.

Do you understand what God has done?
He has deposited a Christ seed in you. As it
grows you will change. It's not that sin has
no more presence in your life, but rather
that sin has no more power over your life.

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Bible Reading

John 1 v. 35 – 39 NIV

John's Disciples Follow Jesus

35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. 38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

39 "Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

Song Suggestion

Praise My Soul, The King Of
Heaven



Bible Reading

Matthew 11 v. 1 – 6 NIV

Jesus and John the Baptist

11 After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.

2 When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples 3 to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

4 Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5 The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. 6 Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

Tell them what great things the Lord
has done for you, and how He has
had compassion on you.

Communion

Jesus said: 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty'. **Romans 5 v. 8** also tells us: 'God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us'.

An Invitation to the Table:

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you. Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body, his People.

A prayer of Approach:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secret is hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

As we prepare to receive the bread and the cup, we hear the words of The Institution:

The Apostle Paul tells us of the institution of the Lord's Supper, when he says: 'For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night that he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said: 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me'. In the

same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11 v. 23 – 26

A Prayer of Thanksgiving before we eat the bread and drink the cup:

Loving God, we praise and thank you for your love shown to us in Jesus Christ. We thank you for his life and ministry, announcing the good news of your kingdom and demonstrating its power in the lifting of the downtrodden, and the healing of the sick, and the loving of the loveless. We thank you for his sacrificial death upon the cross, for the redemption of the world, and for your raising him to life again, as a foretaste of the glory we shall share. We give you thanks for this bread and wine, symbols of our world and signs of your transforming love. Send your Holy Spirit, we pray, that we might be renewed into the likeness of Jesus Christ and formed into his body. This we pray in his name and for his sake. Amen.

WE NOW SHARE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND SHARE AND DRINK OF THE CUP

A Final Prayer of Acclamation:

Your death, O Lord, we commemorate. Your resurrection we confess. Your final coming we await. Glory be to you, O Christ.

Amen.

Church Together

Thought

Our Church Motto for 2026 comes from two different passages of Scripture. From **John 1 v. 39** we read: 'Come and See', and then from **Matthew 11 v. 4** we read: 'Jesus answered them: 'Go and tell . . . what you hear and see'. Therefore, our Church Motto for this coming year says: Jesus says: 'Come and see, then go and talk about what you hear and see'.

John 1 v. 39 is about Jesus inviting his disciples to spend time with him, symbolizing a deeper call to follow him and experience a personal relationship with the Son of God. In John 1, we find the scene where two of John the Baptist's disciples, Andrew and presumably John (the author of the Gospel), were following Jesus. They had just heard John the Baptist declare Jesus as the Lamb of God, and their curiosity led them to follow Jesus. Sensing their presence, Jesus turned around and asked them, 'What do you seek'? This question initiated a conversation that would change the course of their lives.

The scene is set near the River Jordan, where John the Baptist had been baptizing people. The atmosphere is charged with anticipation and wonder as Andrew and John find themselves in the presence of the man who would become their teacher and Lord. The surroundings are likely simple and natural, reflecting the humility and approachability of Jesus, who would later invite them to 'Come and see' as it is described in **John 1 v. 39** and

experience firsthand the transformative power of his ministry. This encounter marks the beginning of a deep and lasting relationship between these disciples and Jesus, setting the stage for the profound teachings and miracles that would follow.

John 1 v. 39 captures a powerful moment when Jesus invites two disciples to follow Him, a simple yet profound call that changed their lives forever. 'Come and see' is not just an invitation to physically follow Jesus, but it is an invitation to experience His teachings, witness His miracles, and ultimately, to know Him personally. It signifies an invitation to a journey of faith, discovery, and transformation.

Imagine being one of those disciples, standing face to face with Jesus as He extends this invitation. What thoughts would race through your mind? What emotions would fill your heart? The phrase 'Come and see' holds a promise of encountering something extraordinary and life-changing. It beckons us to step out of our comfort zones, to leave behind our doubts and uncertainties, and to follow Jesus with an open heart and mind. It is an invitation to witness the goodness, the truth, and the love of Christ in action, and to experience His presence in our lives.

In today's fast-paced and information-saturated world, the call to 'Come and see' resonates deeply. It beckons us to move beyond mere knowledge about Jesus to a personal encounter with Him. Just as someone visiting a community centre for the first time experiences a transformative shift in perspective, accepting Jesus' invitation can lead to a life-altering journey of faith and discovery.

The phrase 'Come and see' encapsulates the essence of experiential faith, highlighting the transformative power of encountering Jesus firsthand. It underscores the truth that belief is not solely intellectual but springs from a genuine, personal relationship with Christ. The disciples' response in coming to see where Jesus was staying exemplifies a proactive faith that acts upon the invitation extended by the Saviour.

As the disciples stayed with Jesus that day, a deeper connection was forged – a relationship that would shape their lives forever. This act of spending time with Jesus symbolizes the beginning of a profound journey of understanding, intimacy, and discipleship. **John 1 v. 39** serves as a poignant reminder for us today to heed Jesus' invitation, to step forward in faith, and to embark on a journey of discovery and transformation in His presence.

John 1 v. 39 beckons us to embrace the invitation to 'Come and see' what Jesus offers. It challenges us to move beyond passive observation to active engagement, promising that a personal encounter with Christ will lead to a richer, more meaningful relationship with Him. May we respond to His call with openness and eagerness, ready to embark on a journey of faith that transcends knowledge and culminates in a deep, abiding connection with the Savior.

Think of your relationship with Jesus like charging your phone. Just as your phone needs to connect to the charger to work properly, you need to connect with Him to recharge your soul. Spend time in prayer and study His word, just like you'd spend time with your family to create strong bonds. Let His teachings be your GPS, directing every step you take. Will you plug in and recharge with

Jesus today? If this is for you today, then let's put into practice the second part of our Church Motto for 2026 and 'Go and talk about what we have heard and seen' as told us in **Matthew 11 v. 4**.

Song Suggestion

Majesty, Worship His Majesty



COME AND SEE WHAT
OUR GOD HAS DONE,

*what awesome
miracles he performs
for people!*

Prayers Of Intercession

Loving God, thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, both the good and the hard things that have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every day.

We pray that your Spirit will lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you open the doors that need to be opened and close the ones that need to be shut tight. We ask that you help us release our grip on the things to which you've said 'no', 'not yet', or 'wait'. We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

Gracious Lord, we ask for your wisdom, strength, and power to be constantly present within us. We pray that you will make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us abilities beyond what we feel what we are able to achieve, and let your gifts flow freely through us so that you would be honoured by our lives and others would be drawn closer to you. We pray that you'll keep us away from the snares and trappings of temptations and that you would whisper in our ear when we need to run and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

Lord, we would ask that you would fill our hearts with love,

hope, joy, and peace. May your love and grace shine brightly in our lives and be a source of light in a world that often needs it. Lord, grant us the courage to face the unknown with faith and trust. In times of uncertainty, remind us that you are our anchor, our refuge, and our strength.

At the beginning of this New Year, we pray for governments and authorities around the world, and we pray for your kingly values to be put into practice by both those with power and those with none; may there be justice with righteousness. mercy, and care for the poor and powerless. We pray also for those in peril and hardship, in war torn countries, in earthquake – hit areas, where flood waters rise and where water is hard to find. We praise the Love that Christ reveals to us; we also thank you with grateful hearts for living and working in our world Holy Spirit. We thank you Lord for prompting movement and change in our world, and we pray for all who live overshadowed by death, by illness, by cares and ongoing worries; those who see no future for themselves or their families – the lonely, the dying, the grieving.

Heavenly Father, you broke the power of sin and death, by the sacrifice of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus, on the Cross, therefore, grant us life and light, blowing away darkness and despair, breathing new life and power to overcome all things. Help us too, to overcome obstacles and bring love and joy with you as our guide, this week and throughout this coming year.

Finally Lord, we pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the enemy's evil intent; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands.

We pray that you will give us discernment and insight beyond our years to understand Your will, hear Your voice, and know Your ways. For we ask these things in the name of Jesus.

Amen

Tithes, Gifts & Offerings

If you feel that you are able to, then please keep on giving to the work of the church here at Salendine Nook, with a generous and cheerful heart, praising God for all that he has given to you and share in the finances of the church.



Noel, Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel, Noel
The story of amazing love!
The light of the world, given for us
Noel



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power
And the glory, forever and ever.
Amen

Church Motto 2026

John 1 v. 39

Matthew 11 v. 4



Jesus said:

**‘Come and see,
then go and talk about what
you hear and see’.**

Song Suggestion

Tell Out My Soul, The Greatness
Of The Lord



Blessing

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work among us, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Ephesians 3 v. 20, 21

Amen