

Won't Come-Can't Come-Shall Come- Come unto Me

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I. Five '*comes*' that don't seem to fit with each other

A. Two are '*Not Come*' verses—Man will not come—No man can come

[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 is a '*Shall Come*' verse—Some men shall come

[Joh 6:37](#) All that the Father giveth me shall **come** to me...

C. Two are '*Should Come*' verses—Invitations for man to come

[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.

II. The '*Not Come*' verses

A. *And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.*

[Rom 8:7](#) ...the carnal mind *is* enmity against God...

[Psa 10:4](#) The wicked...will not seek *after God*: God *is* not in all his thoughts.

[1Co 2:14](#) But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him...

B. *No man can come to me...*

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God...neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

Rom 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Joh 3:3 ...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Joh 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

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

III. The '*Shall Come*' verse—Man shall come

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall **come** to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

A. God's people—Who will not and cannot come—Do come—But by God's power

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

Joh 6:65 ...no man can come unto me, **except it were given unto him of my Father.**

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth...so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

B. Though no man can come—Each of God's children shall come in the new birth

Joh 5:25 ...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.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

IV. The '*Should Come*' verses—Invitations for man to come

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.

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. To understand the sequence is to understand the ‘comes’

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

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

3. A ‘shall come’—Who has eternal life—‘Should come’—And find rest in this life

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

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

Isa 55:1 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Isa 55:2 Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which is* not bread? and your labour for *that which* satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

4. A ‘shall come’ should become a ‘should come’—And also become a ‘say come’

Rev 22:17 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.

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

V. Though we know we should come—‘Should come’ ends up being ‘hard to come’

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 14:26 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 14:27 ...whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

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*?

Luk 14:29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin to mock him,

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

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

VI. Even the '*should come*' part has a whole lot to do with God's doing

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.

Luk 15:3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

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 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that 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 6:45 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.

VII. 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.