

We Would Like to See Jesus

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of understanding the purpose of feasts and the significance of the cross, and calls believers to die to self by faith.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker discusses the request made by some men to see Jesus. Philip and Andrew were approached by these men and they brought the request to Jesus. However, Jesus responds in a surprising way, saying that if a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it will produce much fruit. The speaker emphasizes that Jesus died to put an end to the old creation and make us new like himself. He also highlights the importance of recognizing our sin and understanding that Jesus died for our sins. The sermon concludes with the reminder that when we ask for things, we will receive even more from the Lord.

Transcript

The word was spoken by the Greeks who had come to Jerusalem to worship. They had come at the time of the Passover feast. Now the Passover feast was a shadow of the death of Lord Jesus Christ.

And now God has ordained that people may understand in a very clear way how far their sins somebody must lie. And even though for centuries they had observed that feast, they never knew its meaning. And even though for centuries they had observed that feast, they never knew its meaning.

It is like many Christians who observe Christmas or Easter without knowing the purpose of the very same day. It is like many Christians who observe Christmas or Easter without knowing the purpose of the very same day. Evidently, these men have been hearing about Lord Jesus Christ in their country.

Evidently, these men have been hearing about Lord Jesus Christ in their country. Having heard about Him, they are longing to see Him. Having heard about Him, they are longing to see Him.

So when they found a multitude around Lord Jesus Christ, So when they found a multitude around Lord Jesus Christ, then they gave their request to a disciple called Philip. then they gave their request to a disciple called Philip. Then, Philip comes to Andreas.

Then, Philip comes to Andreas. They both come to Lord Jesus Christ. They both come to Lord Jesus Christ.

Now, those two come to Lord Jesus Christ. Then our Lord gives a strange answer to them. Then our Lord gives a strange answer to them.

Verse 24, except a karma we fall on the ground and die, we are not alone, but if we die, it will bring forth much fruit. Go dhamma ginja bhumi lo padi, sava ku ni nai ala, adi vanti gani yu, adi sacchi nai ala, vistara gpa li sunu. Jab tak yehu ka dna bhumi par padhkar mar nahi jta, wo akela rhta hai, parantu jab mar jta hai, to bahut phal lta hai.

Now kindly see very carefully, our Lord, just died, has never uttered even a single idle word with no meaning. So is bt ko hume m lum karna chahiye ki ham re prabhu ke muh se koi bhi chhote bhi sabd nahi nikhle, jiska artha kuch na raha ho. Every word which came from His lips, was full of great and deep and spiritual meaning.

And that's why upon the saying and the words of Lord just died, the writers wrote many many books. There is no other person in the whole world of that nature. There have been many many great speakers, preachers, have said wonderful things.

But their words were forgotten. But now find out how many books have been and are being written about the words and the saying of Lord just died. Many many books.

And yet, they have not exhausted the meaning of those words. And yet, they have not exhausted the meaning of those words. Still you can go on digging and digging and digging and find something new, the whole time.

Every word. Now see how every word is pegged for the purpose. Now these men have come with a request of the Greek Lord just died.

Master, these men have come from very far off country and they are very eager to see you. Master, these men have come from very far off country and they are very eager to see you. And yet, both Philip and Andrew have come with a request of the Greek Lord just died.

But it appears as if outwardly our Lord ignored their request or whatever. He is saying it is satyakarna, we fall on the ground and die by the Lord. But if we die, we give much fruit.

But if we die, we give much fruit. Now we will soon see why our Lord struggled more. Now going by the Greek Lord's word, Now going by the Greek Lord's word, According to Ephesians 3.20 Now according to Ephesians 3.20 Now unto him that is able to accede abundantly We are very good to remember these words when we appear before Lord Jesus Christ.

We are very good to remember these words when we appear before Lord Jesus Christ. When we appear in front of Lord Jesus Christ, we ought to give our best to obey his words. ASAP ASAP ASAP Jesus Christ is such a person that our humility and intelligence can work much better that we all.

We ask for one new paisa and we receive more than one new paisa. When we ask for one new paisa, we receive much more than one new paisa. Are you fine? He will give you much more, never ask again.

He goes far beyond our asking and thinking, and he goes to him. A sinner may come and tremble before Lord Jesus Christ, as the Lord forgives my sins. I am sorry for my sins.

The Lord says, my child, I will not only forgive your sins, I will give you all my kingdom. You ask, I receive from my hands. But we don't know how to ask.

Even the disciples of Lord Jesus Christ never knew how to ask. Even though they were with him for three years, Our Lord is now saying in John 16, And verse 24, He said to them, have ye asked nothing in my name? Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. Now they thought they have asked many things.

They thought they have asked many things from the Lord. Look at Luke 17. And in Luke 17, John says, Lord, even devils are subject unto us in thy name.

Luke 17. Even devils are subject unto us. They were so happy.

They came jumping with joy. See what we have done in the name of our Master. And see what we saw.

But our Lord says, You have to have nothing in my name. In other words, They were only asking for those things which could not be fulfilled. So Lord, why are you asking all this? And learn to ask.

All of us have to learn that lesson also. We don't know yet how to ask from our Lord. There will be no asking again and again.

But our Lord will give us much more than we could think or imagine or do so. Now our Lord knew the heart of those men of Greek. Now our Lord knew the heart of those men of Greek.

How with a real satisfaction, they have come to see Him. They were not like Pharisees, only came to find fault. Others only came to be healed by Him out of favour.

They only wanted to have a look at Him. They were just by seeing His face, their families, they were so happy. And they came to everybody in whole Greece.

Now we have seen such a wonderful man, very close to Master. Now we have seen such a wonderful man, very close to Master. Just by seeing me for five minutes, won't satisfy you.

Just by seeing me for five minutes, won't satisfy you. That won't give you full joy. Then learn to see me forever.

Then not only see me for five minutes, but see me forever. And be with me forever. And then you will see my true glory and true auspiciousness.

Our Lord was saying in St. John 12, Verse 23, He asked them, The hour has come, for the man should be glorified. And He was talking about death. He was 32.

And I, if I lift up some alert, will draw all the men unto me. This is a signifying that he should die. So if you are clear here, when our Lord was saying those words to His disciples, The whole time His mind was upon death.

And how He was going to be glorified by dying. So He was saying to those people, And that's why I have come into the world. So that man may see the glory of the great God through me.

But He said, if you want to see me, Then for the very purpose I must die. Like the corn of wheat. Then He said, You will not only see me, You will become like me.

He said, You will become like me. That's why you go like a filthy dirty beggar to see a king. Imagine you are putting on those filthy dirty garments, never washed, never changed for 45 years.

And the hair is very very long, never cut for 35 years. And no bath for 25 years. Imagine such a man going before a king.

Your majesty, I want to see your face only for one minute. Anything says. You come inside my mind.

Then you bring the barber first of all. Again very nice haircut. Also haircut too.

Then you garments. And then you crown upon the head. Then you go outside.

And you go as my prince. How will you feel at that time? He came as a filthy dirty beggar. Now coming out of palace like a prince.

With a kingly garment. The very same thought here. Now he says, You only want to see me for a few minutes.

I want to make you like myself. How is possible? Then he says, Have you ever seen the corn of wheat falling on the ground? Have you ever seen the corn of wheat falling on the ground? And then what have you seen? How many hundreds of similar grains come out of one dying grain? Yes, this thing is being seen everywhere in the world. One dying grain bringing forth hundreds of same kind of grains.

One dying grain bringing forth hundreds of same kind of grains. And that's why I must die. And then not only Greeks, Then all men and all those will see me forever and ever.

But we have to become partakers of the death of Lord Jesus Christ. But we have to become partakers of the death of Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord has said this very clearly.

In John 12, 32 And I, if I lift up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. He is not drawing men to himself by miracles, by signs, by wonders. He is not drawing men to himself by miracles, by signs, by wonders.

In the beginning, many Indians thought, by putting on English clothes, become Christian. Many Indians thought, by putting on English clothes, become Christian. That's their English name also.

Their English name also. So many became Matthew, Henry, John and so on. It's all this one.

Everybody's a dead man's table. It's all by having these Western names that we preferred handsome John. What's your name? John So-and-so, John So-and-so, Matthew So-and-so.

John so-and-so, Matthew so-and-so, Henry so-and-so. But time changed. And no more preference now for those names.

Then at the same time came Munuswamy, Muthuswamy, Doudswamy. Now the same John has become Munuswamy, Muthuswamy, Doudswamy. The same John.

The change of name, the change of garment won't make us Christians. Allah said, I'll make you like myself. As our Lord said, I'll make you like myself.

The wheat must produce wheat and not barley. But we have to produce wheat and not barley. Now when the wheat dies, then you must have the same kind of grain in the whole stock.

For many, many centuries, many have been blinded about the cross, plodding aside. But the word of God says, In 1 Corinthians 1 and 18, In 1 Corinthians 1 and 18, We have the class of a foolishness, which has failed in the power of God. We have the class of a foolishness, which has failed in the power of God.

Those who are saved by the power of God, have the power of God. Number 24 again. The power of God and the wisdom of God.

See, because of sin, all men became fools and weak. All of us are fools before God. And extremely weak.

And extremely weak. That's what sin does. And that's why we go on doing foolish things, saying foolish things.

Wasting money, wasting energy. On the one hand, you work very hard to earn money. On the other hand, you work very hard to earn money.

And by the same hand, you also burn it. By our own hands, we bring misery upon life. Now God has planned to make us wise and strong.

Lord Jesus Christ. And that the wisdom and the power come only, only, only in the cross. But this wisdom and this power comes only through the cross.

So our Lord said, If I be lifted up, I will draw all men to me. See how foolishly men have tried to draw men by their preaching or by their works. Or by their chatting.

Or by their eating. Or by their work. Or by their drinking.

And that's why you see, you feel barrenness in many parts of the world. This is the reason why But those who have seen the cross, and has experienced it, they are completely transformed. And go on being transformed, till they become a logic of favour.

They are mainly like the artist who draws pictures without knowing what they are doing. There was one artist, he drew a picture of Lord Yudhishtira. He drew a picture of Lord Yudhishtira, as if he was on a cross.

But he being a Jew, he had absolutely no faith in the cross. And after some years, he began to paint a portrait of a young girl in the same studio. When the girl came to the studio, he saw the painting of Lord on the cross.

He asked the artist, who is that on the cross? He said, you don't disturb me now. I want to draw your portrait. He had to come everyday for the same purpose.

He again said, who is that, who is that, who is that? In the end, he had to tell her the story of the cross. And he told her in a few words. How he died, how he forgave everybody.

Then one day, the same artist got a message from the same jungle. Please come and see me, I am dying. So he went.

Then he saw a very shining face on death bed. And the girl said to the artist, Mr. Artist, I want to thank you with all my heart for showing me the way of salvation. He said, my time is very near.

But I know, my Lord forgave my sins. I was a great sinner. He said to her, how could he forgive your sins? Then she told him, from the time you told me the story in your studio, I became restless.

I began to see my sins. And I saw, he also died for my sins. I confessed my sins.

Now I know, he has forgiven my sins. And she said, it was because of you, I met my saviour. And that is why I want to thank you before dying.

Having said that, very peacefully he slept. The artist said, they were all the same painting of the cross in my studio for many many years. I never knew this message.

But now I know the power of the cross. Then he also repented. Oh Lord, I thank you for my sins.

I never knew. Oh Lord, I thank you for my sins. I never knew.

And then he spent many years in painting a new portrait of the cross, Lord Jesus Christ. After many many years were finished. And all these words at the bottom.

This I did for thee. What have you done for me? Then he also died very peacefully. Then the very same painting of the cross was brought in our gallery of Berlin, Germany.

You know in the western countries, they pay very high price for the old well known painting. So that painting found its way in a very well known gallery of Germany. You know in the western countries, they pay very high price for the old well known painting.

They pay many many millions of rupees also. They pay very high price for the old well known painting. So that painting found its way in a very well known gallery of Germany.

So that painting found its way in a very well known gallery of Germany. Then many were coming to see this beautiful painting. Then many were coming to see this beautiful painting.

And one day a very wealthy count like a prince or a duke, he also came to see those paintings to buy for his mansion. And one day a very wealthy count like a prince or a duke, he also came to see those paintings to buy for his mansion. He wanted to buy those paintings for his big mansion, big like castle.

He came in search of some good paintings and placed them in his palace in Durga. That's how he saw every painting. Then he gave that paragraph.

And as he kept looking, he came to the painting of the crucifix. And the words at the bottom drew his attention. This I did for thee.

What have you done for me? That wealthy crown could not move from that painting. The more he saw the nail pierced hand, the nail pierced teeth, that crown caught up on the head and the words again came to him. It was so livingly painted.

If you feel some person standing by and saying again and again, this I did for thee. This I did for thee. Give my hands for thee.

Give my feet for thee. Give my back for thee. Give my back for thee.

Give my face for thee. Give my head for thee. Give my head for thee.

What has thou done for me? And that wealthy crown could not move from there. For me, for me, for me. And he saw all the sins on my body.

I for myself. And the tears rolled on his cheeks. Weeping and weeping and weeping for ourselves.

Till the watchman came, sir, now I was so home and so late. I loved so much. He bought that painting.

He came to his house. And he sold all that he had for gospel sake. All the property that he had, the Lord, you did for me.

All the property that he had, the Lord, you did for me. You have done so much for me. He died, I may die to my wretched sinful nature.

He died, I may die to my wretched sinful nature. He died, I may die to the world. He died, I may die to my sinful nature.

He died to put an end to old creation. When you cut the root of the tree, it will fall down. Similarly, my love of the creator, he made us.

When he died, all died. He died to put an end to old creation. And fifthly, he died to become my living bread.

And sixthly, he died to make us one body, make us one family. And seventhly, he died to make us entirely new, like himself. He died to make us entirely new, like himself.

All these truths become clear to us. When by faith we looked at the cross of Lord Jesus Christ. But this evening, I won't go further.

Only one request. Learn to look at the cross Lord Jesus Christ. Learn to look at the cross Lord Jesus Christ.

The Greeks said, Sir, we would see Jesus. Lord was saying, Oh my dear friend, You want to see me? Then first of all, be a partaker of my death. Like the grain of the wheat dying in the ground.

Now no man can die to himself. No man can die to himself. You can try any means.

By fasting, weeping, long prayers, suffering, endless hardship. By fasting, weeping, long prayers, suffering, endless hardship. Some thought, That by sleeping upon the stone bare floor, no mattress, no sheet, no pillow.

That by sleeping upon the stone bare floor, no mattress, no sheet, no pillow. Then no meat, no fish at all. And don't see any man, any woman for many many days.

And live in some dark room. Then they will die to themselves. Then it became worse.

You will never die by any means. You will never die by any means. By faith, we receive into us the death glorified.

See, for example, Many have been tried to give up tobacco by many many offers. Many have been tried to give up tobacco by many many offers. Now from tomorrow, tomorrow, we never smoke.

After one week, When they go to the latrine, The stomach says, I am busting, I am bloating, I am bloating. Please give me only one puff. And don't tell your wife, anybody about it.

Only do the latrine only. This is for your health only. Again they become same slave.

They struggle across the field. This is enough, but when we see our Lord cross, It may be any habit, any vice, any sin, any crime. It goes away in a second.

By the inward working of the power of the cross, Lord Jesus Christ. Then you will give a new eye. Then you will get a new eye.

Then you see the Lord in a new way. Everyday something new, something new. See, for example, Before marriage, Before marriage, they meet almost everyday.

When they are engaged, I will put it on. When they are arranged, they meet equally. Some meet in a formal way, some meet in a formal way.

And they dream about the nose and the teeth and so on. They also dream about the eyes, nose, eyes, mouth and so on. You see, in the beginning, they are only attracted by the outward things.

Before marriage, they were attracted only by the outward appearance. But after marriage, they don't see outward things. They begin to see inward virtue.

Maybe outward, much ugliness. But inside, so many virtues. And they go on seeing something more, something more.

And then for many, many years, Then they go to a photographer. Then they go to a photographer. After many years, And they look like brothers and sisters.

But before marriage, Before marriage, There was a big difference between the two. Were you born in the same family? We see a lot of lattice now. There is a mutual exchange.

As you see more and more, All can see in us the very life along this line. And eventually, we shall be like Him. But the work begins at the cross.

Without the cross, we can't see Him. You may see miracles. You may see dreams.

But you won't see the Lord. Till you come at the cross. And know by faith and by revelation, What He did for you on the cross.

Then you can see Him always. See Him everyday. In a new heavenly glory.

There are some women, They change their sarees five times a day. Some even seven times a day. Go on changing for purposes.

They change their sarees again and again. And then something new everyday also. So many months also.

And you can say very proudly, I have got enough sarees to change everyday for two months. But my Lord, He gives me Himself a new everyday. In a new garment.

Oh, what a joy. We see Him and become like Him. Have you learnt? Look at His cross.

If not, come now. If not, come now. Now shall we pray.

And please do not move during prayer. We will be thankful to you. Please do not give trouble to anybody.

And mighty God, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, We thank you once again for this evening. Thank you for your loving presence. And all who came to receive your word.

And now we pray. Amen.

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